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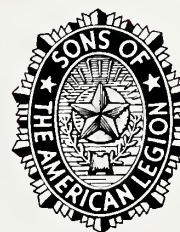
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The American Legion 77th National Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Commander's Message

Welcome to Indianapolis, the home of our National Headquarters and site of the 77th National Convention

WHETHER OR not America remains a great nation is often an issue left to members of Congress, the President and other rich and powerful people who grace the covers of *Forbes* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

While we acknowledge the influence that power and money has on our country, as veterans we know that keeping our nation strong—when it really matters—will fall on the shoulders of the ordinary men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

At one time or another, from World War I to the Gulf War, all of us were called upon to defend our nation.

We gather in Indianapolis for the 77th Annual National Convention of The American Legion as an organization of ordinary men and women who have been asked to do extraordinary things in the service of our country.

And each time, in war and in peace, we have come through.

In war, we have taken up arms and risked our lives to defend those we love and what we believe. In peace, we have dedicated our time to that same fight while taking on one other important mission: standing up for veterans and those who serve today.

We who have done the regretful deeds of war are too often forgotten by those in policy-making positions who sent us to do these things. The American Legion's task is to remind Congress, the President and every U.S. citizen of their responsibility to our nation's veterans and GIs.

Our country spends billions of dollars on peacekeeping and regional wars but has trouble paying for an adequate VA health-



WILLIAM M. DETWEILER
National Commander

care system. How can we not take care of the men and women who risked their lives for us?

Year after year, The American Legion is forced to battle budget cuts that threaten the ability of the VA to deliver care to veterans who need it, and who have earned it with their blood.

Our country spends millions of dollars on all kinds of programs but doesn't seem willing to compensate victims of Agent Orange who were exposed while fighting in Vietnam.

These men have died or are dying terrible deaths from cancers. And if it were not

for American Legion Honor Guards and the sound of *Taps*, their passing would be marked by utter silence.

Veterans of the Gulf War with a mysterious illness are also quietly ill, awaiting help from our government who has attributed their debilitating illness to "stress." The VA needs to help these men and women, and provide real answers about what is wrong with them.

The American Legion wants this illness cured with whatever it takes and whatever it costs.

"Nothing is too good for our nation's veterans," most politicians say on the campaign trail. And nothing is what veterans often get, particularly POW/MIAs and their families.

The American Legion, despite the normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam, has not forgotten about our missing men. We continue the fight for the fullest possible accounting via the release of all Vietnamese war records while working on ways to protect POW/MIAs in future wars.

The American Legion looks to the future, fighting for quality, accessible VA care, a strong national defense and programs for our children, but does not ignore the past.

We preserved the honor of all WWII veterans when we helped the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum develop a fitting tribute to the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Our efforts averted a revisionist, anti-American effort led by Smithsonian Institution officials.

And we honored every American citizen by standing by the U.S. Flag. Our effort to get a constitutional amendment to protect our flag goes forward, with the support of millions of Americans who value this great symbol and what it represents.

Each and every fight that has been taken up by The American Legion has given me the opportunity to do what I believe in. Helping veterans, GIs and their families is something every Legionnaire, Auxiliary member and Sons of The American Legion member does.

As National Commander of The American Legion, I have had the privilege of taking the sum of your good work with me across the country and around the world. Everywhere I go, your devotion, dedication and commitment comes with me. Today and forever, as your National Commander and after my term is through, we will stand together for veterans and their families—for God and Country. ■

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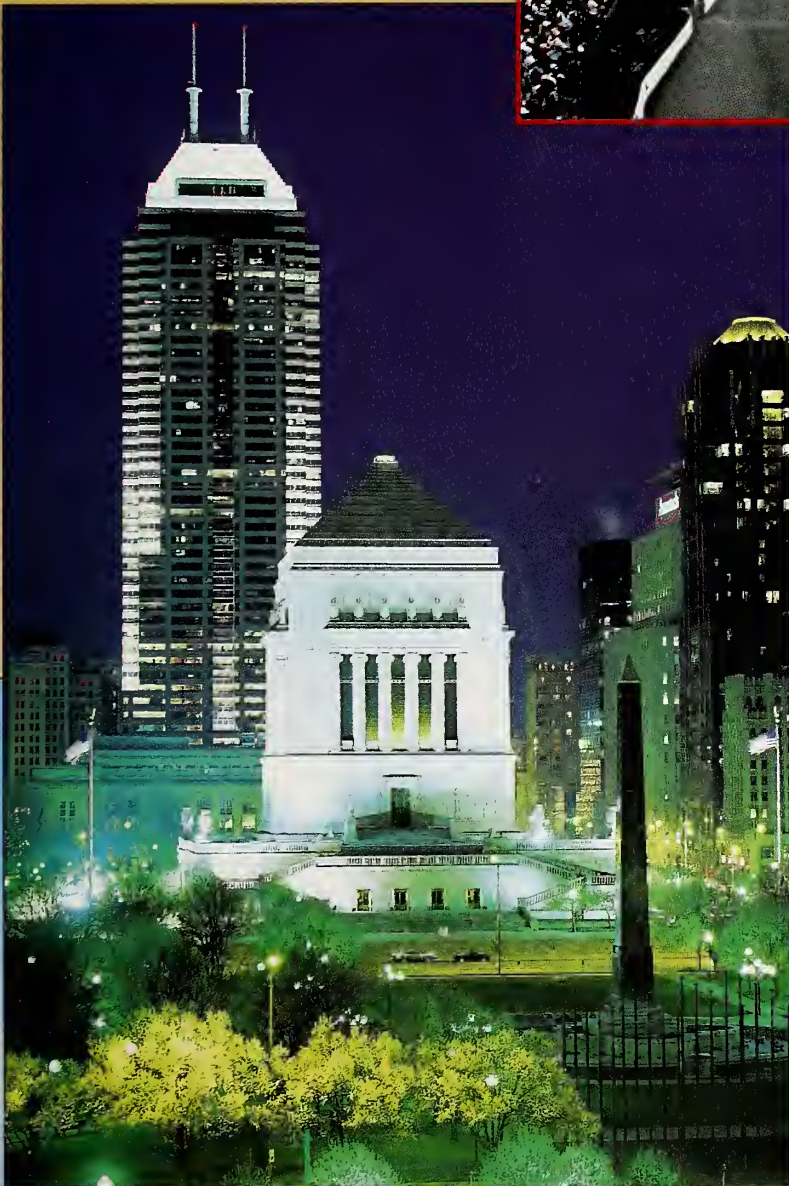
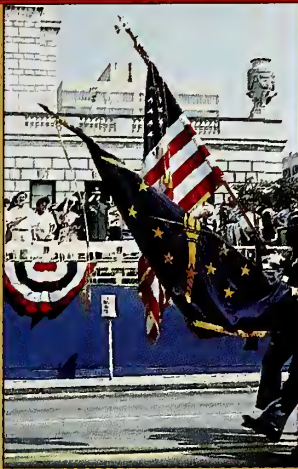


◀ **AMERICAN LEGION MALL**—Just outside the doors of the Legion's National Headquarters is one of the best views of downtown Indianapolis. This year marks the second time the Legion has held a National Convention in its hometown.

◀ **MARCHING BACK**—With the Soldiers and Sailors Monument as a backdrop, Legionnaires paraded through Indianapolis streets during the 1990 convention.

◀ **UNION STATION**—Built in 1888 as America's first union railway depot, it is now a hub of shopping and entertainment, featuring more than 50 stores.





🔴 **NEW GLORY**—This year's parade will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2 in downtown Indianapolis.

🔴 **NEED FOR SPEED**—Visitors can take a narrated bus tour around the two-mile oval Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Also, don't forget to visit the track's Hall of Fame Museum, which features more than 30 cars that have won the Indianapolis 500 and about 75 other classic and antique cars.

🔴 **IN HONOR**—Built as a tribute to all Hoosiers killed during war, the Indiana World War Memorial is one of the unique landmarks in downtown Indianapolis. The basement of the memorial is a military museum where visitors can follow the history of Indiana soldiers from the Battle of Tippecanoe to the most recent wars.



🔴 **PARK HERE**—With 3,800 acres of wooded terrain and a 1,300-acre reservoir, Eagle Creek Park is one of the largest municipal parks in the United States. Located on the city's northwest side, the park includes footpaths, bike trails and a 27-hole golf course.



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The Hall of Fame Museum is open 364 days a year, (closed on Christmas Day), from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm EST. Admission is only \$2.00 for those over the age of 16, those 15 & under are free. Busses are available for a ride around the track for \$2.00, unless the track is being used for competition or testing purposes.

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A Registration and Information Booth will be located in the Indiana Convention Center lobby. The booth will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, through Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Those who have not previously registered and want to attend the General Convention sessions may register at the booth. All persons except children younger than 12 need to wear the official Convention Badge or other approved credentials to attend the General Convention sessions.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION BOOTH

LOCATION

Indiana Convention Center lobby

HOURS

9am-5pm

Thursday, Aug. 31 through Tuesday, Sept. 5

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July 14, 1995

Greetings to all those gathered in Indianapolis for the seventy-seventh annual national convention of the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

Sponsoring programs across the country that benefit our veterans and their communities, the American Legion keeps faith with America's commitment to the men and women who have worn our country's uniform. Your hard work and caring spirit reflect our nation's lasting gratitude to those who have served and sacrificed in defense of freedom.

Americans recognize the challenges you continue to face every day, and we will always stand with you. On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute the members of the American Legion for your compassionate leadership and for your lifelong devotion to the United States. I am proud to thank you for your service.

Best wishes to all for a memorable convention.

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Welcome

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As Governor of Indiana, it is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the 77th Annual American Legion National Convention. I am pleased that you once again have chosen our beautiful capital city to host your prestigious event.

Over the decades, Legionnaires have been steadfast in their commitment and devotion to protecting our fellow citizens and beloved country. I commend you for your ongoing efforts to keep this state and country strong through the many civic programs that you have initiated. On behalf of all of Indiana, I thank you for many wonderful things that your hard

work has produced.

While you are in Indianapolis, I hope that you will be able to explore our city. Indianapolis stands at the crossroads of our country. It has all the warmth of a small town with the world-class opportunities that are available in America's major cities.

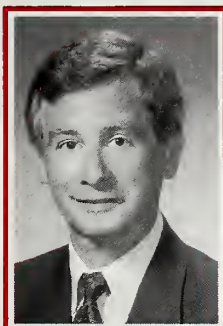
Again, welcome to Indianapolis and your annual convention. I wish you only the best for continued success with this event and your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Evan Bayh in black ink.

EVAN BAYH

MAYOR OF INDIANAPOLIS



As Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, it is my pleasure to welcome you to The American Legion's 77th Annual National Convention.

We are honored that you have chosen "Circle City" as the host site of this convention and encourage you to experience Hoosier hospitality at its best. During your visit, I hope that you will take the opportunity to sample the many cultural, historical,

entertainment and sports facilities we have to offer. Indeed, we have something for everyone.

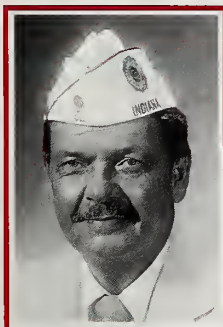
The citizens of Indianapolis join me in extending our appreciation to The American Legion for your commitment and dedication to our city, state and nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Stephen Goldsmith in black ink.

STEPHEN GOLDSMITH

INDIANA DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Welcome to Indianapolis, Indiana, and to the National Headquarters of The American Legion. Hoosier Legionnaires are very proud to act as your hosts for the 77th Annual National Convention of The American Legion, and we hope you will enjoy our Hoosier hospitality during your stay.

Indianapolis offers a wide variety of activities for your enjoyment. We hope you will have the opportunity to visit the National Headquarters building and stroll the Indiana War Memorial, which includes The American Legion Mall and the Indiana War Memorial Building. Also, don't forget to view the city's centerpiece, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located at the circle where Meridian and Market streets intersect. And of course you will be welcome to stop in at the Department of

Indiana Headquarters.

Your visit to Indianapolis will not be complete without a trip to the world-famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the 500 Racetrack. But don't overlook the other attractions available to you, including our world-class Indianapolis Zoo, Union Station and the many art and historical museums within the city. If you wish to learn more about the cultural heritage of the Midwest, we suggest you visit the Conner Prairie Settlement for a taste of life in the 1800s.

The more than 140,000 members of The American Legion Department of Indiana want you to long remember this historic occasion. If we may be of assistance to you during your visit, please call upon us.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature of Ron Lowe in black ink.

RON LOWE

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World War II Commemorated

Your Guide to WWII-related Convention Activities



FIFTY YEARS ago this weekend, Americans were celebrating in the streets. The war was over. The Japanese had surrendered and our troops were coming home. To honor those who served, The American Legion has selected "World War II Commemorated" as its theme for this year's National Convention. Throughout the convention, you will be reminded of those years by several events, including a parade, fireworks show, and a film festival.

The festival, sponsored by The History Channel and The Military Channel, will run continuously in four mini-theaters in the Indiana Convention Center from Friday through Monday, featuring WWII documentaries and newsreels. The History Channel's documentary about Britain's wartime Prime Minister, "Churchill and the War Cabinet Rooms," will hold its North American premiere at the festival. Schedules of all shows will be available at registration.

In addition, the Indiana Convention Center will host a number of WWII exhibits. A tour desk has information about day trips to an air show in Sellersburg, Ind., and the Ernie Pyle visitors center in Dana, Ind. There will also be a booth selling WWII commemorative items.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30AM-3:30PM FILM FESTIVAL
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 147, 148, 160, 162

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30AM-3:30PM FILM FESTIVAL
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 147, 148, 160, 162

9:04AM SURRENDER BELLS
Scottish Rite Cathedral,
650 N. Meridian St., downtown.

The official anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay will be marked Saturday morning by the tolls from the cathedral and many other churches city wide.

4PM PARADE

Beginning at the corner of Michigan Street and Pennsylvania Street and will run south on Pennsylvania Street, west on Ohio Street, north on Meridian Street and end at the corner of Meridian Street and North Street. In addition to Departments, many other groups will march in the parade, including a muster of WWII veterans, some in vintage WWII uniforms, accompanied by WWII tanks and other vehicles; WWII veterans from the Women's Army Corps (WACs), Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), Marine Corps Women's Reserve and the Coast Guard Women's Reserves (SPARs), some wearing their original uniforms and riding in military vehicles; the Boy Scout Band of the Crossroads of America Council; and units of the Indiana National Guard. Survivors of the *USS Indianapolis*, sunk in World War II, will ride atop a float made in replica of the original cruiser.

A flyover of vintage WWII P-51 fighter planes as well as modern F-16s will top off the parade events. A hospitality tent will be located on the north side of The American Legion Mall with refreshments and entertainment. Buses will stop close to the tent to take Legionnaires to watch the SkyConcert fireworks show.

8:30PM SKYCONCERT '95 FIREWORKS SHOW

Buses will take Legionnaires and their families from the parade to the banks of the White River, between the 10th Street bridge and New York Street bridge. The show, sponsored by The American Legion, WENS-FM and WTHR-TV, will feature live music, fireworks, a flyover and search lights. The

finale at 9p.m. will feature search lights in a "V" for victory. During the show, a VIP tent will be available for the commission chairmen's reception. Buses will take people back to the Legion Mall for shuttle transportation to hotels.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30-11:30AM FILM FESTIVAL
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 147, 148, 160, 162

10:15AM PATRIOTIC RELIGIOUS SERVICE
Indiana Convention Center
Halls A & B

Includes songs from the '40s and a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of WWII veterans.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30AM-3:30PM FILM FESTIVAL
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 147, 148, 160, 162

The film festival will also include videos of selected WWII Legionnaires attending the convention.

9AM NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION, OPENING SESSION

The sessions through Sept. 6 will include videos of Legionnaires recalling their WWII memories.

6:30PM NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
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77th National Convention Patriotic Religious Service

■ Indiana Convention Center
Halls A & B

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:15AM PRELUDE

Medley of songs from the 1940s
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Community Choir

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Department Chaplain
The American Legion

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National Chaplain
Sons of The American Legion

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MEMORIAL PRAYER

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American Legion Auxiliary

SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 8 verses 1-8
Ephesians 5 verses 19-21
Rev. James R. Wagner (Miss.)
Past National Chaplain
The American Legion

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Faith of Our Fathers"

MESSAGE

"Gratitude To Fallen Comrades"
Rev. Roy L. Pryor (S.C.)
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The American Legion

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38th Infantry Division,
Indiana Army National Guard

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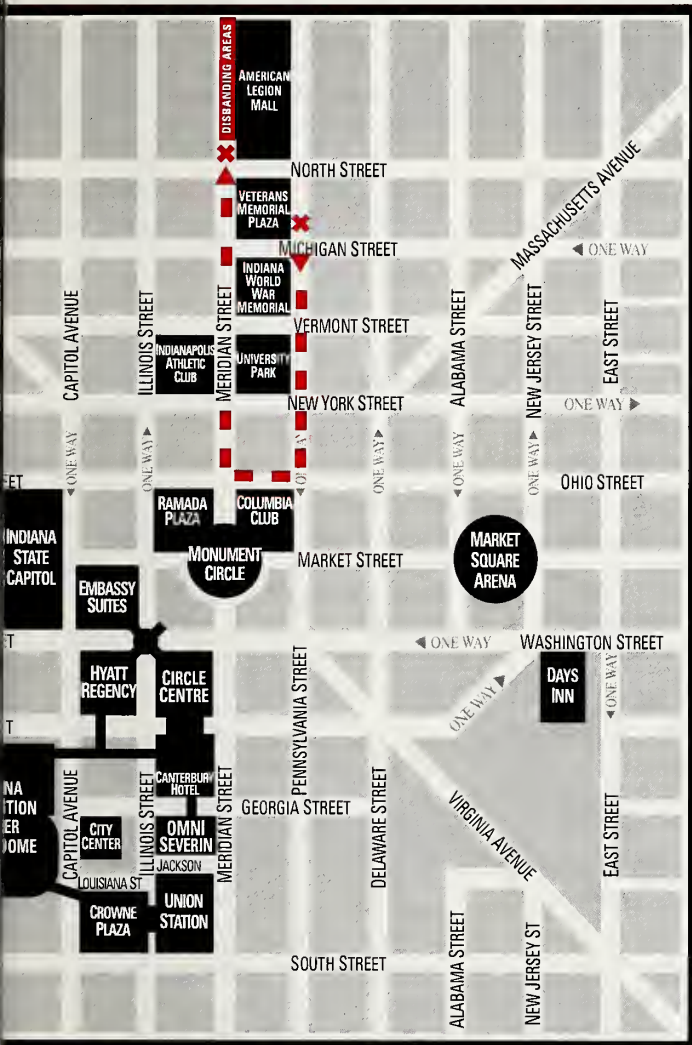
PARADE INFORMATION

- **SEPTEMBER 2, 1995**
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
- **START TIME: 4 PM**
- **FORMATION AREA**
Escort Division
Michigan St. and Pennsylvania St.
Divisions I through VIII
Pennsylvania St. north of Michigan St.
to 10th St.

Parade

Downtown Indianapolis

n Legion 1995 National Convention



Floats from Ft. Wayne Ave. north to Delaware St.

■ ROUTE

Commencing at Pennsylvania St. and Michigan St., proceed south on Pennsylvania to Ohio, west on Ohio to Meridian, north on Meridian to Disbanding Areas.

■ REVIEWING STAND

Between Vermont St. and

Michigan St. on the east side of Meridian St. just west of the Indiana War Memorial.

■ DISBANDING AREAS

Walnut from Meridian to Illinois
St. Clair from Meridian to Illinois
9th St. from Meridian to Illinois

PARADE RULES

The official Parade of the 77th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map which are made a part hereof.

■ **TIME** All times in these orders are Central Daylight Time

A. The leading element of the Parade will move from the "Initial Point" (Michigan St. and Pennsylvania St.) promptly at 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, regardless of weather.

B. The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Parade Chairman. A Meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1 in Rooms 143 and 144 of the Indiana Convention Center.

C. A parade official will direct Departments and elements of the parade to their assigned assembly area. He will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.

D. Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.**

■ **ROUTE** Commencing at Pennsylvania St. and Michigan St. proceeding south on Pennsylvania to Ohio St., west on Ohio to Meridian St., north on Meridian to disbanding area.

■ **ASSEMBLY AREA** Pennsylvania St. north of Michigan St. to 10th St.

A. Instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Friday,

Sept. 1.

B. Floats and vehicles (indicated with an asterisk) assembly area will be on Ft. Wayne Ave., north to Delaware St.

■ ORGANIZATION

A. All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of the parade officials. The composition of these Divisions, Order of March and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetables and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to the Department Parade Chairmen.

B. All Department of Defense units will be governed by applicable regulations.

C. Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the Order of March and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:

1. All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.

2. American Legion Units within Departments will march in formation eight abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.

3. **BANDS AND DRUM CORPS:** As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight abreast.

4. Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles must be equipped with identifying

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PARADE RULES

signs on sides thereof and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.

5. ABSOLUTELY NO MANEUVERS EXCEPT FOR A FORWARD MOVEMENT. Marching units, bands, color guards and drill teams must abide by this regulation.

D. Distances

1. Between Divisions—30 yards
2. Between Departments—20 yards
3. Between elements of a Department—10 yards

■ **DISBANDING AREA** Walnut St. from Meridian St. to Illinois St.

St. Clair St. from Meridian St. to Illinois St.
9th St. from Meridian St. to Illinois St.

■ **OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND** The official Reviewing Stand will be located between Vermont St. and Michigan St. on the east side of Meridian St. just west of the Indiana War Memorial.

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Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the Reviewing Stand (eyes right).

■ ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

A. Pursuant to the resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1970, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1995 Convention Corporation.

B. With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniform bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:

1. The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
2. Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
3. Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
4. Female impersonators.
5. Firecrackers and any other explosives.
6. Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
7. Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials, either from floats or by marching units.

C. Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

■ **FIRST AID STATIONS** First Aid Stations are located at the corners of Pennsylvania and North streets; Ohio and Pennsylvania; Vermont and Meridian; and St. Clair and Meridian streets.

■ **PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES** Buses will unload at the assigned area on Delaware St. north of Michigan, west curb lane. Buses will proceed north on Delaware to 10th St., west on 10th St. to Capitol, south on Capitol to North St., east on North St. to Illinois, north on Illinois to Assigned Disbanding Area, east Curb Lane. Parade officials will direct participants to their buses. **PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BUSES WHEN UNLOADING AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA.**

MARCHING ORDER

■ ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at the Corner of Michigan St. and Pennsylvania St. Facing east on Michigan at 3:15 p.m.

Departure at 4 p.m.

- A. Indianapolis Police Department Motorcycle Drill Team
- B. Indianapolis Fire Department
- C. Military Department of Indiana Ceremonial Unit Mounted Color Guard
- D. 38th Infantry Division Band
- E. Grand Marshal Rear Admiral Joseph S. Mobley, USN
- F. Honorary Grand Marshal Bruce A. Thiesen, Past National Commander
- G. Deputy Grand Marshals
- H. U.S. Army
- I. U.S. Marine Corps
- J. U.S. Navy
- K. U.S. Air Force
- L. U.S. Air Force, Jet Aircraft F-16 Replica
- M. U.S. Coast Guard

■ DIVISION I

Assemble west Side of Pennsylvania St. at Michigan St. Facing south in Area A at 3:40 p.m.

1. Joliet American Legion Band Post 1284, Joliet, Ill., National Champions (85)
2. Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind. (12)
3. National Commander William M. Detweiler (1) 1942 Sedan
4. National Officers
5. National Auxiliary President Linda Newsome (1) 1942 Sedan
6. National Secretary (1)
7. National Auxiliary Officers
8. Past National Commanders (20)
9. Society of The American Legion Founders (2)
10. The American Legion Youth Award Winners (5)
11. Child Welfare Foundation Elements (15)
12. Arsenal Technical High School Marching Band, Indianapolis, Ind. (65)
- 12a. VA Bus
13. SAL Past National Commanders
14. Sons of The American Legion (150)
15. Junior Auxiliary (65)
- 15a. Foreign & Outlying Departments
 - Mexico (15)
 - Alaska (47)
 - Puerto Rico (40)
 - France (15)

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Hawaii (15)
Philippines (30)

ALL COLOR GUARDS WILL MARCH WITH THEIR DEPARTMENTS

■ DIVISION II

East side of Pennsylvania St. at Michigan St.
Area B, Facing south at 3:55 p.m.

- 16. Chesterton High School Trojan Guard Marching Band, Chesterton, IN (110)
- *16a. General Douglas MacArthur Re-enactor riding on Jeep
- 17. Massing of World War II Veterans (500)
- 18. Ropkey WWII Vehicles (5-7 vehicles)
- 19. WWII Vintage Motorcycles (6)
- 20. WWII Women In Service
- 21. Pioneer High School Marching Band and Color Guard, Logansport, Ind. (91)
- 22. WWII Re-enactors (12-15)
- 22a. Celtic Cross Pipe Band

■ DIVISION III

Assemble in Staging Area A at 4:10 p.m.

- 23. Greensburg High School Marching Band, Greensburg, IN (100)
- 24. Delaware (20)
- 25. Florida (100)
- 26. Vermont (52)
Color Guard (8)
- 27. Michigan (100)
Color Guard (6)
- 28. The Hornet Regiment, Lew Wallace High School, Gary, Ind. (65)
- 29. New Mexico (40)
Color Guard (4) 3 Vehicles
- 30. Utah (27)
- 31. Nebraska (75)
Color Guard (4)
- *32. Indianapolis Regional Blood Center Mobile Unit
- 33. North Dakota (40)
Color Guard (4)
- 34. Minnesota Ninth District Band (80)
- 35. Minnesota (500)
Tri-City Color Guard (30)
Northfield Color Guard (3)

■ DIVISION IV

Assemble in Staging Area B at 4:30 p.m.

- 36. Riverton Parke High School Panther Marching Band, Montezuma, Ind. (61)
- 37. Iowa (100)
Pure Heaven Unit 37 Color Guard (7)
Guthrie Center Post 124 Color Guard (7)
Blairstown Post 170 Color Guard (6)
Hanford Post 5 Color Guard (4)
Shenandoah Post 88 Color Guard (10)
- *38. Floats—Bondurant, Iowa, Post 396, WWII Vehicle
- *39. Third District, Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- 40. Ohio (130)
Post/Unit 526 Color Guard (15)
Post/Unit 165 Color Guard (15)
Unit 86 Color Guard (6)
Post 173 Color Guard (8)

Post 430 Color Guard (8)
Squadron 209 Color Guard (8)
Post 239 Color Guard (8)

- *41. Iwo Jima Float, Franklin, Ind., Post 149
- 42. Missouri (60)
Post 370 Apple Core Color Guard (8)
- 43. Missouri State Highway Patrol (1)
- 44. Pennsylvania (250)
- 45. Oconomowoc, Wis., American Legion Band (50)
- 46. Wisconsin (100)
- 47. Idaho (20)
Color Guard (4) 2 Vehicles
- 48. Arlington High School Golden Knights Marching Band, Indianapolis, Ind. (90)
- 49. Maryland (100)
Henderson Smith Edmonds Post 86 (8)
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Parkville Patriots (13)
Blake-Blackston Color Guard (7)

■ DIVISION V

Assemble in Staging Area A at 4:50 p.m.

- 50. North Vermillion High School Marching Falcon Band, Cayuga, Newport & Perrysville, Ind. (52)
- 51. Georgia (75)
Conyers Post 77, Color Guard (6)
- 52. New Hampshire (90)
Department Color Guard (4)
Post 4 Color Guard (4)
- 53. South Dakota (30)
- 54. New York American Legion Post 188 Band (84)
- 55. Arizona (35)
- 56. Virginia (80)
- 57. American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264 (100)
- 58. New York (250)
Department Color Guard (6)
- 59. Cathedral High School Band, Indianapolis, Ind. (60)
- 60. Illinois (200)
- 61. Montana (20)

■ DIVISION VI

Assemble in Staging Area B at 5:10 p.m.

- 62. Concordia Lutheran High School Marching Cadets, Ft. Wayne, Ind. (80)
- 63. West Virginia (40)
Department Color Guard (5)
- 64. Massachusetts (70)
Dedham Post 18 Color Guard (6)
Sharon Post 106 Color Guard (6)
- 65. Garrett High School Railroaders Band, Garrett, Ind. (70)
- 66. Colorado (50)
Color Guard (4)
- 67. Kansas (65)
Department Banner (4)
Department Color Guard (4)
Massed Colors (15)
- 68. Connecticut (35)
Color Guard (4)

69. Shenandoah High School Raider Band, Middletown, Ind. (74)

- 70. Wyoming (12)
Color Guard (4)
- 71. Oregon (24)
- 72. Maine (25)

■ DIVISION VII

Assemble in Staging Area A at 5:30 p.m.

- 73. Frankton High School Marching Band, Frankton, Ind. (68)
- 74. Tennessee (50)
Donelson Post 8 Color Guard (4)
- 75. Kentucky (125)
Highland Color Guard (5)
- 76. New Jersey (70)
Color Guard (4)
- 77. Rhode Island (35) 2 Vehicles
- 78. South Carolina (40)
- 79. Indian Creek High School Marching Braves, Trafalgar, Ind. (60)
- 80. North Carolina (45)
Department Color Guard (4)
- 81. Oklahoma (50)
- *82. Spirit of Naval Aviation Monument—35' pulled trailer
- 83. California (50)
Color Guard (8)

■ DIVISION VIII

Assemble in Staging Area B at 5:50 p.m.

- 84. Bishop Chatard High School Band, Indianapolis, Ind. (50)
- 85. Mississippi (40)
- 86. Washington (12)
- 87. Texas (150)
Houston Post 472 Color Guard
- *88. Float—Longhorn Bull, Department of Texas
- 89. Alabama (10) 2 Vehicles
- 90. Northwest High School Marching Pioneers, Indianapolis, Ind. (50)
- 91. Louisiana (75)
- 92. District of Columbia (15)
- 93. Arkansas (30)
Flag and Banner Guard (4)
- 94. Nevada (10)
- *95. Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team (25)
- 96. Seventh District American Legion Band, Ind. (18)
- 97. Indiana (300)
Post 500 Color Guard (12)
Post 178 Color Guard (7)
Post 2 Men's Color Guard (17)
Post 2 Women's Color Guard (16)
Post 331 Color Guard (8)
- *98. Indiana Post 228 Float—"To Honor Not To Burn"
- *99. Post 258 fire truck "The General Locomotive"
- *100. Post 81 1957 Truck
- *101. Post 155 Float, 70 "Statue of Liberty"

Convention Committee Meetings

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

Indiana Convention Center
Room 210, 2nd level Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 9AM

Screening Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

AMERICANISM SCREENING

Indiana Convention Center
Room 113, 1st level 9AM

ECONOMIC SCREENING

Indiana Convention Center
Room 114, 1st level 9AM

VA&R SCREENING

Indiana Convention Center
Room 115, 1st level 9AM

Standing Commissions & Committees

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairmen. Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE

The Westin Hotel
Congress 1, 1st floor 9AM

AMERICANISM

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 103-104, 1st level 9AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Indiana Convention Center
Room 116, 1st level 9AM

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 113, 1st level 9AM

CONVENTION

The Westin Hotel
Board Room, 3rd floor 9AM

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 143, 1st level 9AM

ECONOMIC

Indiana Convention Center
Room 109, 1st level 9AM

EMBLEM

The Westin Hotel
Senate 1, 2nd floor 8:30AM

FINANCE

The Westin Hotel
Senate 2 & 3, 2nd floor 8:30AM

FOREIGN RELATIONS JOINT MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 206-207, 2nd level 9AM

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 205, 2nd level 1:30PM

FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

(Subcommittees will meet immediately following the Joint Session.)

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 101, 1st level 9AM

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES

Indiana Convention Center
Room 102, 1st level 9AM

LEGISLATIVE

Indiana Convention Center
Room 140, 1st level 9AM

NATIONAL SECURITY JOINT MEETING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 206-207, 2nd level 9AM

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 206-207, 2nd level 1PM

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEES

(Immediately following Commission Session)

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 146, 1st level

GENERAL SECURITY AD HOC

Indiana Convention Center
Room 141, 1st level

AEROSPACE

Indiana Convention Center
Room 150, 1st level

DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 201, 2nd level

LAW AND ORDER

Indiana Convention Center
Room 202, 2nd level

MERCHANT MARINE

Indiana Convention Center
Room 203, 2nd level

NAVAL AFFAIRS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 204, 2nd level

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 139, 1st level 9AM

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

Indiana Convention Center
Room 111, 1st level 9AM

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Rooms 105-106, 1st level 9AM

Convention Committees

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

AMERICANISM

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 103-104, 1st level 8:30AM

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Indiana Convention Center
Room 144, 1st level 9AM

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 103-104, 1st level 9AM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Indiana Convention Center
Room 113, 1st level 9AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Indiana Convention Center
Room 116, 1st level 9AM

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Indiana Convention Center
Room 143, 1st level 9AM

CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
Sections I & II
Indiana Convention Center
Room 101, 1st level 9AM

MEMBERSHIP

Section III
Indiana Convention Center
Room 102, 1st level 9AM

ECONOMIC

(Employment, Veterans Preference and Other Economic Matters)
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 109-110, 1st level 9AM

EMBLEM

The Westin Hotel
Cabinet Room, 1st Floor 8:30AM

FINANCE

The Westin Hotel
Senate 1-2-3, 2nd floor 9AM

FOREIGN RELATIONS JOINT MEETING

Indiana Convention Center
Room 205, 2nd level 8:30AM

FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

(Subcommittees will meet immediately following Joint Session)

LEGISLATION AND RULES

Indiana Convention Center
Room 209, 2nd level 10AM

NATIONAL SECURITY JOINT MEETING
(Includes Aerospace, Defense Civil Preparedness, Law and Order, Merchant Marine, Military Affairs and Naval Affairs)
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 206-207, 2nd level 9AM

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEES
(Immediately following Joint Meeting)

MILITARY AFFAIRS
Indiana Convention Center
Room 146, 1st level

GENERAL SECURITY AD HOC
Indiana Convention Center
Room 141, 1st level

AEROSPACE
Indiana Convention Center
Room 150, 1st level

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Indiana Convention Center
Room 201, 2nd level

LAW AND ORDER
Indiana Convention Center
Room 202, 2nd level

MERCHANT MARINE
Indiana Convention Center
Room 203, 2nd level

NAVAL AFFAIRS
Indiana Convention Center
Room 204, 2nd level

**GENERAL SECURITY MEETING
(ALL COMMITTEES)**
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 206-207, 2nd level

**VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
REHABILITATION**

**CLAIMS & RATING AND HOSPITALS &
MEDICAL SERVICES JOINT MEETING**
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 105-106, 1st level 9AM
(Hospitals & Medical Services will proceed to separate session in Room 107, 1st level and subsequently return to Joint Session following Subcommittee actions on resolutions)

POW/MIA UPDATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 101-102, 1st level 9AM

Other Meetings

**PRE-NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 109-110, 1st level
Sept. 3, 9AM

**POST NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
(Immediately Following
Adjournment of Convention)
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 109-110, 1st level

**NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE
MEETING**
Indiana Convention Center
Rooms 143-144, 1st level
Sept. 1, 1PM

**CONTESTS REPRESENTATIVES
MEETING**
Indiana Convention Center
Room 110, 1st level
Sept. 1, 2PM

SAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Indiana Convention Center
Room 208, 2nd level
Sept. 1, 4PM

SAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Indiana Convention Center
Sagamore Ballroom I & II, 2nd level
Sept. 1, 7PM

SAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Indiana Convention Center
Sagamore Ballroom I & II, 2nd level
Sept. 2, 9AM

NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE
Sept. 2, 4PM

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS MEETING**
Indiana Convention Center
Halls A-B, 1st level
Sept. 3, 8:30AM

SAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Indiana Convention Center
Sagamore Ballroom I & II, 2nd level
Sept. 3, 8:30AM

PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL SERVICE
Indiana Convention Center
Halls A-B, 1st level
Sept. 3, 10:15AM

SAL POST NEC MEETING
Indiana Convention Center
Sagamore Ballroom I & II, 2nd level
Sept. 3, 1-2PM

1995 Reunions and Dinners

TWENTY AND FOUR
Ramada Inn Indianapolis
Pre-Bivouac Wed., Aug. 30,
Champagne Room
Bivouac Thurs., Aug. 31,
Champagne Room
Banquet Thurs., Aug. 31, State Room

**HISTORIANS' AND FOUNDERS'
LUNCHEON & MEETING**
Indianapolis Athletic Club
Luncheon Sat., Sept. 2, 11:45AM
Parlor Room, 5th floor

ANAVICUS
Army, Navy and Air Force
Veterans in Canada
The Westin Hotel
Breakfast Meeting Sun., Sept. 3, 7AM
Grand Ballroom, Salons 4 & 5, 2nd floor

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
WORLD WAR NURSES REUNION**
The Westin Hotel Sun., Sept. 3, 11AM
Cameral Room, 1st floor

FODPAL
The Westin Hotel
Breakfast Meeting Sat., Sept. 2, 7AM
Grand Ballroom, Salons 1,2,3, 2nd floor

NATIONAL SGT.-AT-ARMS CLUB
The Westin Hotel
General Meeting Sun., Sept. 3, 10AM
Council Room, 1st floor
Luncheon Sun., Sept. 3, NOON
Chamber Room, 1st Floor

**NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION
PRESS ASSOCIATION (NALPA)**
The Westin Hotel
Breakfast Sat., Sept. 2, 8AM
(Executive Board members only)
Congress Room II, 1st floor
Meeting Sat., Sept. 2, 10AM
The Westin Hotel
Capitol Ballroom I, 1st floor
Banquet Sun., Sept. 3, 7PM
The Westin Hotel
Capitol Ballroom I, 1st floor

**PAST DEPARTMENT
COMMANDERS' CLUB**
The Westin Hotel
Luncheon Sat., Sept. 2, NOON
Grand Ballroom, Salons 4 & 5, 2nd floor

**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET
FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**
Indiana Convention Center
Mon., Sept. 4, 6:30PM
Sagamore Ballroom, 2nd floor

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Indiana Convention Center
States Dinner Tues., Sept. 5, 7:15PM
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STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:

2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.

3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.

4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.

5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation, one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.

6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.

7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"

8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such Department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.

9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

10. In the event a delegation secretary is

not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.

11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.

12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the Convention.

13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.

14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.

15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.

16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.

17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.

18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.

19. Nomination speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared

elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.

23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.

24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.

26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.

28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue or order is to be considered, unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only when the Convention adopts them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

77th Annual National Convention The American Legion Agenda

- Indiana Convention Center,
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Indianapolis, Ind.
Sept. 4-6, 1995

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4, 1995**

**8:30AM SPECIAL WORLD WAR II POSTER
AND PRELUDE**

9AM CALL TO ORDER
William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS
Speedway Post No. 500
Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Scott R. Detweiler

INVOCATION
Rev. Roy L. Pryor Sr. (S.C.)
National Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN
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William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

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WREATH LAYING, LIGHTING
OF PEACE CANDLE**

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National Commander

Rev. Roy L. Pryor Sr. (S.C.)
National Chaplain

Charles D. Aucoin (La.)
National Sergeant-at-Arms

American Cabaret Theater Singers

**WORLD WAR II
COMMEMORATION—"MEMORIES
OF THE WAR"**

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions
and time of Convention Committee
Reports are subject to change by the
Chair.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT
TO CONVENTION**
William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY
By: Robert S. Turner (Ga.)
Past National Commander
Chairman, Special POW/MIA
Committee

Alan P. Hall (Fla.)
Chairman, Foreign Relations
Commission

CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Mich.)
National Adjutant

10:15AM WELCOME

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate (Ind.)

The Honorable Evan Bayh
Governor of Indiana

The Honorable Stephen Goldsmith
Mayor of Indianapolis

Ron Lowe
1994-95 Department Commander
The American Legion Department of
Indiana

Gilbert E. Sheeks, President
The American Legion National
Convention Corporation of Indiana

**RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF
WELCOME**
William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

11AM ADDRESS
Jere Radcliffe
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
National Office

**11:15AM PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO
THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**
Host City for the 1994 National
Convention

By: Bruce Thiesen (Calif.)
Past National Commander

Accepting: Donald R. Schroedl,
President
The American Legion National
Convention Corporation of
Minnesota Inc.

11:20AM INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Linda Newsome (Md.)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

11:25AM CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

To: Rev. Roy L. Pryor Sr. (S.C.)
National Chaplain

**11:30AM REPORT OF CREDENTIALS &
INTERNAL AFFAIRS - SECTION 1**

**11:40AM REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND
RULES**

NOON ADDRESS

The Honorable Robert J. Dole,
Majority Leader
United States Senate (Kan.)

12:30PM REPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

**PRESENTATION OF GARLAND
MURPHY AWARD**

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

12:45PM REPORT OF AMERICANISM

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENTS**

**THE FRANK N. BELGRANO JR.
TROPHY**

**RALPH T. O'NEIL EDUCATION
TROPHY**

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

**1:05PM PRESENTATION - WILLIAM
RANDOLPH HEARST AMERICANISM
TROPHY**

By: Otto Wick Jr., Vice President
and Publisher
Midland Daily News
Midland, Mich.

To: Winning Department

**1:15PM PRESENTATION—
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION YOUTH
PROGRAMS**

1995 Boys Nation President
Rick Lam Jr.
Tecomseh, Okla.

1995 Gold Medalist,
Precision Category
Junior Shooting Sports Program
Terry Bradley, Cherokee, N.C.

1995 First Place Winner
National Oratorical Contest
Aron S. Egner, Ballston Lake, N.Y.

1994 Baseball Player of the Year
Fernando Rodriguez, Miami, Fla.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1:30PM SPECIAL REPORT—THE
AMERICAN LEGION/THE CITIZENS
FLAG ALLIANCE INC.
William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

“OLD GLORY II”—THE CHALLENGE
BEFORE US
The Honorable Gerald B. H. Solomon
Chairman, Rules Committee
United States House of
Representatives

The Honorable G. V. “Sonny”
Montgomery
Minority Chairman,
Veterans Committee
United States House of
Representatives

INTRODUCTION
Ike Pappas
President, Ike Pappas Network
Productions

2:10PM MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION
From: George Bentley
The Society of American Legion
Founders

2:15PM GREETINGS

Russ Ward, Dominion President
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans
in Canada

Hugh Greene, Dominion President
The Royal Canadian Legion

Lt. General Chao, Yu, Vice
Chairman
Vocational Assistance Commission
for Retired Servicemen, Republic of
China

Lt. General (Ret.) Kim, Jae-Yun
Vice President, The Korean
Veterans Association

2:40PM PRESENTATION—CHAPEL OF
FOUR CHAPLAINS LEGION OF
HONOR BRONZE MEDALLION

By: Dante Mattioni, Esq., Chairman
The Chapel of Four Chaplains

To: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

2:45PM RECESS

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

8:30AM SPECIAL WORLD WAR II POSTER
AND MUSIC PRELUDE

9AM CALL TO ORDER

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INVOCATION

Rev. Roy L. Pryor Sr. (S.C.)
National Chaplain

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WORLD WAR II
COMMEMORATION—“THE HOME
FRONT”
American Cabaret Theater Singers

9:20AM ADDRESS

The Honorable Jesse Brown
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

9:40AM ADDRESS

John P. “Jake” Comer (Mass.)
Past National Commander
and Member,
Korean War Memorial Advisory
Board

9:50AM PRESENTATION—EMPLOYER OF
THE YEAR AWARDS FOR HIRING
VETERANS

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

To: Richard B. Curtin
Executive Vice President
Southwest Research Institute
San Antonio, Texas

To: Joseph Caldwell
President, Caldwell Machining Inc.
Emporium, Pa.

To: Paul Ray
Director of Aircraft and Training
Operations—Boeing Aerospace
Operations Inc.
Mid City, Okla.

Constance Bruner
Human Resources Manager
Boeing Aerospace Operations Inc.
Mid City, Okla.

10:05AM REPORT OF ECONOMIC

Employment and Veterans
Preference

Other Economic Matters

10:25AM ADDRESS

The Honorable Richard W. Riley
Secretary of Education
United States Department of
Education

10:45AM ADDRESS

The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman, House Veterans Affairs
Committee
United States House of
Representatives

11:05AM PRESENTATION—THE AMERICAN
LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

To: Brig. General Paul W. Tibbets,
USAF (Ret.)
Pilot of the *Enola Gay*

11:35AM ADDRESS

Lt. General Claude M. Kicklighter,
USA (Ret.)
Executive Director
World War II Commemorative
Committee

11:55AM ADDRESS

Diane Carlson Evans, R.N.
Chair and Founder, Vietnam
Women's Memorial Project Inc.

12:05PM ADDRESS

Brig. General Wilma L. Vaught,
USAF (Ret.)
President, Women in Military
Service for America Memorial
Foundation Inc.

Mrs. Anne Pederson Freeman

12:20PM INTRODUCTION—SONS OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL COMMANDER

12:30PM REPORT OF CREDENTIALS &
INTERNAL AFFAIRS—SECTION 2

1PM REPORT OF CREDENTIALS &
INTERNAL AFFAIRS—MEMBERSHIP

1:10PM DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP
AWARDS

1:20PM REPORT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS &
REHABILITATION

Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM F. LENKER NATIONAL
SERVICE TROPHY

By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

1:50PM REPORT OF FINANCE
2PM REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
2:25PM REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 1995**

8:30AM SPECIAL WORLD WAR II POSTER AND MUSIC PRELUDE
9AM CALL TO ORDER
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National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION
Rev. Roy L. Pryor Sr. (S.C.)
National Chaplain

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WORLD WAR II
COMMEMORATION—"THANK YOU"
American Cabaret Theater Singers
9:10AM ADDRESS
General John M. Shalikashvili,
USA
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

9:30AM ADDRESS
The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
Chairman,
International Relations Committee
United States House of
Representatives

9:50AM REPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY
Aerospace
Defense Civil Preparedness
Law and Order
Merchant Marine
Military Affairs
Naval Affairs

10:25AM PRESENTATION—THE AMERICAN
LEGION FOURTH ESTATE AWARD
By: William M. Detweiler (La.)
National Commander

To: Marcia Stepanek
Hearst Newspapers,
Washington Bureau

10:35AM PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND
COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL
COMMANDER

By: E. Roy Stone Jr., (S.C.)
Past National Commander
(PLAQUE)

By: John H. Geiger (Ill.)
Past National Commander
(COLORS)

12:15PM (or at the conclusion of all other
business, whichever occurs first)
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
National Commander

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF
OFFICE TO THE NATIONAL
COMMANDER

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY
ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
Five National Vice Commanders

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO
NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL
COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
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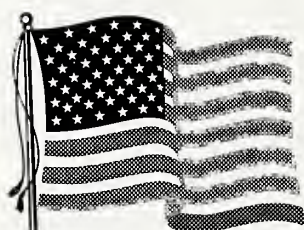
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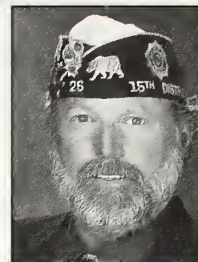
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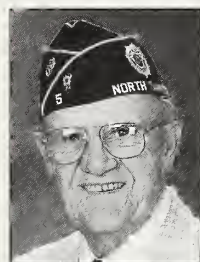
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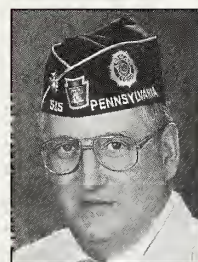
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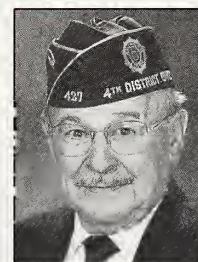
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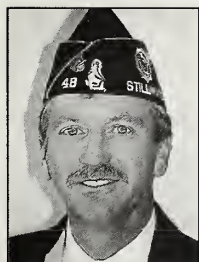
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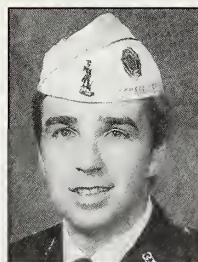
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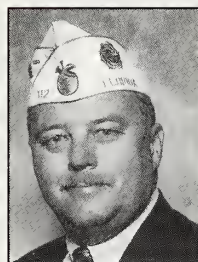
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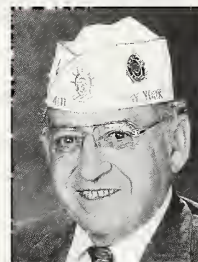
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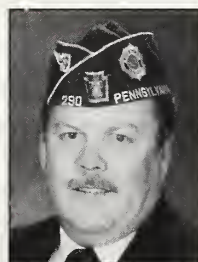
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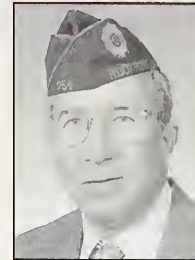
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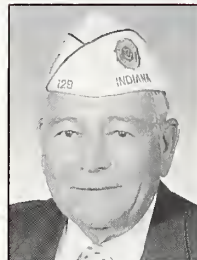
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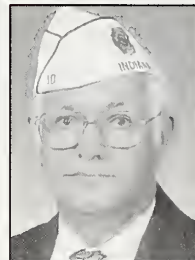
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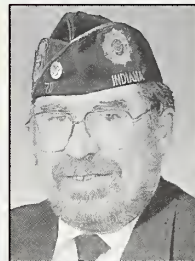


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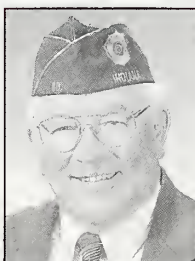
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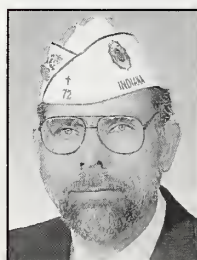
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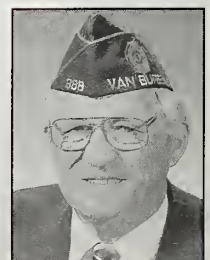
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**Frederick W. Galbraith Jr. Ohio 1920-21	*Frank N. Belgrano Jr. California 1934-35	*George N. Craig Indiana 1949-50	Donald E. Johnson Iowa 1964-65	Frank I. Hamilton Indiana 1979-80
***John G. Emery Michigan 1921	*Ray Murphy Iowa 1935-36	Erle Cocke Jr. Georgia 1950-51	L. Eldon James Virginia 1965-66	Michael J. Kogutek New York 1980-81
*Hanford MacNider Iowa 1921-22	*Harry W. Colmery Kansas 1936-37	*Donald R. Wilson West Virginia 1951-52	*John E. Davis North Dakota 1966-67	Jack W. Flynt Texas 1981-82
*Alvin M. Owsley Texas 1922-23	*Daniel J. Doherty Massachusetts 1937-38	*Lewis K. Gough California 1952-53	William E. Galbraith Nebraska 1967-68	Al Keller Jr. Illinois 1982-83
*John R. Quinn California 1923-24	*Stephen F. Chadwick Washington 1938-39	*Arthur J. Connell Connecticut 1953-54	*William C. Doyle New Jersey 1968-69	Keith Kreul Wisconsin 1983-84
*James A. Drain District of Columbia 1924-25	*Raymond J. Kelly Michigan 1939-40	*Seaborn P. Collins New Mexico 1954-55	*J. Milton Patrick Oklahoma 1969-70	Clarence M. Bacon Maryland 1984-85
*John R. McQuigg Ohio 1925-26	*Milo J. Warner Ohio 1940-41	J. Addington Wagner Michigan 1955-56	*Alfred R. Chamie California 1970-71	*Dale L. Renaud Iowa 1985-86
*Howard P. Savage Illinois 1926-27	*Lynn U. Stambaugh North Dakota 1941-42	*Dan Daniel Virginia 1956-57	John H. Geiger Illinois 1971-72	James P. Dean Mississippi 1986-87
*Edward E. Spafford New York 1927-28	*Roane Waring Tennessee 1942-43	*John S. Gleason Jr. Illinois 1957-58	Joe L. Matthews Texas 1972-73	John P. "Jake" Comer Massachusetts 1987-88
*Paul V. McNutt Indiana 1928-29	*Warren H. Atherton California 1943-44	Preston J. Moore Oklahoma 1958-59	*Robert E.L. Eaton Maryland 1973-74	Hon. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke North Dakota 1988-89
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*Ralph T. O'Neil Kansas 1930-31	*John Stelle Illinois 1945-46	William R. Burke California 1960-61	Harry G. Wiles Kansas 1975-76	Robert S. Turner Georgia 1990-91
*Henry L. Stevens Jr. North Carolina 1931-32	*Paul H. Griffith Pennsylvania 1946-47	*Charles L. Bacon Missouri 1961-62	William J. Rogers Maine 1976-77	Dominic D. DiFrancesco Pennsylvania 1991-92
*Louis A. Johnson West Virginia 1932-33	*James F. O'Neil New Hampshire 1947-48	*James E. Powers Georgia 1962-63	*Robert Charles Smith Louisiana 1977-78	Roger A. Munson Ohio 1992-93
				Bruce Thiesen California 1993-94

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

*Bennett Champ Clark Missouri — Presided at Paris Caucus, March 1919	*Henry D. Lindsley Texas — Presided at St. Louis Caucus, May 1919	*Eric Fisher Wood Pennsylvania — Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris Caucus	*Thomas W. Miller Nevada — Chairman Pro Tempore Paris Caucus March 1919	*Hamilton Fish Sr. New York 1979
*Milton J. Foreman Illinois — Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris	*Theodore Roosevelt Jr. New York		*Maurice Stember New York	E. Roy Stone Jr. South Carolina 1987

HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

*General John J. Pershing

*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1921	Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy Charles Bertrand of France
1922	Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing
1923	Adm. Robert E. Coontz Gen. Josef Haller of Poland
1926	Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland
1927	Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France
1928	Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain
1929	Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis
1930	Adm. William S. Sims
1942	Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur
1943	Gen. George C. Marshall Adm. Ernest J. King
1944	Hon. Frank Knox* Henry Ford Gen. H.H. Arnold
1945	President Franklin D. Roosevelt Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.* Ernest (Ernie) Pyle* Hon. Henry L. Stimson Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower
1946	Edgar Hoover Bob Hope William Randolph Hearst Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey Hon. Cordell Hull
1947	Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen Sen. Edward Martin Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson
1949	President Harry S. Truman George Herman (Babe) Ruth* Maj. Gen. Frank Parker*
1950	Charles F. Johnson Jr. Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers
1951	Gen. Charles P. Summerall
1953	Rep. Royal C. Johnson*
1954	Maj. Gen. George A. White*
1955	Dr. Jonas E. Salk Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh
1956	Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone Charles Stewart Mott
1957	Gen. Mark W. Clark The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen
1958	Bernard Manned Baruch Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery
1959	Sen. Robert S. Kerr
1961	President John F. Kennedy
1962	Gen. Lucius D. Clay Dr. Thomas A. Dooley*
1963	Francis Cardinal Spellman
1964	Dr. Charles W. Mayo
1965	President Herbert C. Hoover* Hon. James F. Byrnes
1966	Capt. Roger H.C. Donlon
1967	Hon. Tom C. Clark
1968	President Lyndon B. Johnson Gen. William C. Westmoreland
1969	President Richard M. Nixon
1970	Rep. Olin E. Teague
1971	Rep. L. Mendel Rivers* Sen. Richard B. Russell*
1972	Sen. John C. Stennis Dewitt Wallace
1974	Hon. Henry A. Kissinger Rep. F. Edward Hebert
1975	Harry W. Colmery
1976	Pat O'Brien
1977	Howard A. Rusk, M.D.
1978	Bowie K. Kuhn
1979	Thomas A. Murphy
1980	President Gerald R. Ford Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War
1981	American Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen
1982	President Ronald W. Reagan
1983	Adm. Hyman C. Rickover
1984	Sen. J. Strom Thurmond
1985	Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey Jr.*
1987	Hon. William H. Webster
1988	Douglas Edwards
1989	Hon. Howard H. Baker Jr.
1990	Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.
1991	President George H.W. Bush
1992	Richard Thornburgh
1993	Gen. Colin Powell
1994	Walter Annenbourg

*Awarded Posthumously

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

***Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

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National Secretary



Marta Hedding
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National Chaplain



Mildred Braquet
National Historian



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Vice President
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Vice President
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LET everyone in your community know why you, each of you, believes in our organization and why 75 years is just a beginning. Anniversary celebrations are fun times. Let's wave our flags and wish our Auxiliary a super Diamond Jubilee!"

National President Linda Newsome kicked off the 75th-year of the American Legion Auxiliary with this statement urging members to spread the message of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This message is the same message the Auxiliary has worked to perpetuate for three quarters of a century: "Service, Not Self." The motto represents hope, compassion, idealism and generosity.

But this year, that message was taken one step further. "75 Years of Service, Not Self" was chosen as the theme to reaffirm the American Legion Auxiliary's 75 years of commitment to God and Country.

The Auxiliary has always focused on veterans, their families, children, women's issues and community service. Members work under the premise that no one should live within a community without giving something back to the community. This is what allows us to live in a safe, comfortable, positive atmosphere.

Members of the Auxiliary are concerned citizens: concerned about the welfare, care and education of children; concerned about the physical and emotional well-being of our disabled veterans; concerned about the safety of our communities; concerned about the depleting family value system which is ripping at the foundation of our country.

Under the leadership of National President Linda Newsome, the Auxiliary worked to address these concerns. Annually, Auxiliary volunteers raise more than \$17 million for reinvestment into VA Medical Centers, community activities and positive programs for children. Our

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members also volunteer more than 10 million hours on a yearly basis to ensure that the American dream remains alive.

This year was no different. Through programs such as Freedom's Foundation, Teen Court, American Education Week, Girls Nation, POW/MIA Awareness, National Crime Prevention, Poppy promotions, Hospital volunteer service and the Auxiliary Emergency Fund members spread the message that the Auxiliary is a strong and visible element in American communities.

The Auxiliary also spotlighted two areas of special concern: membership and the Citizens Flag Alliance. For many years, the Auxiliary has used the phrase "nearly 1 million members" when discussing membership statistics. One of the National President's primary goals was to bring the Auxiliary one step closer to making the "nearly" obsolete. As of preparing this report, the American Legion Auxiliary's membership has increased from this time last year. This increase can be attributed to the loyalty and dedication members have for the success of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each and every member holds a special place in their heart for the American flag. Old Glory represents everything this organization stands for: freedom, democracy, optimism, opportunity, patriotism and pride. This is why Auxiliary members have personally pledged to do their part to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from physical desecration.

The Citizens Flag Alliance was founded in 1993 with one goal in mind: to protect the flag from hateful, negative desecration. The CFA set out to pass a constitutional amendment to make this desecration illegal. Along with the support of the American Legion family, the CFA is 97 organizations and 30 million members strong in support of this constitutional amendment.

This fight is not over. Through the CFA, the Auxiliary is doing their part to make sure that the American flag remains the flag of tomorrow.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Diamond Jubilee year has been filled with reflections of the past and concentration on the present. The hard work and strong commitment the Auxiliary has radiated this year has set the pace for a more positive Auxiliary of the future. ■

75th NATIONAL CONVENTION AGENDA

■ Indiana Convention Center,
Exhibit Hall C,
Indianapolis, Indiana

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

8-9AM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Indiana Convention Center,
Room 142

8-9:15AM PAGES REHEARSAL
Indiana Convention Center,
Exhibit Hall C

9:30-10:30AM NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETING REGISTRATION
Hyatt Regency,
Mountain Suites Foyer

9:30-11:30AM PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Indiana Convention Center

Group A Americanism Sagamore
Auxiliary Ballroom 1
Emergency Fund
Community Service

Group B Children & Youth Sagamore
Education Ballroom 3
Girls State

Group C Junior Activities Sagamore
Cavalcade of Ballroom 4
Memories
National Security
Public Relations

Group D Legislative Sagamore
Past Presidents Ballroom 5
Parley
Poppy

Group E 75th Anniversary Room 209
Chaplains
Historians
Leadership

Group F Permanent Sagamore
Organization Ballroom 2
Rules

Constitution & Bylaws
Group G Membership Sagamore
Ballroom 7

Group H Credentials Room 211
Resolutions

Group I Veterans Affairs & Sagamore
Rehabilitation Ballroom 6

Group J Finance Room 212

10:30AM-12:30PM NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETING
Hyatt Regency,
Mt. Rushmore Room

12:30-2PM NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETING LUNCH
Hyatt Regency,
Mt. McKinley Room

1:30-4:30PM DIVISION CAUCUSES

Indiana Convention Center

Central Sagamore Ballroom 3
Second Level

Eastern Sagamore Ballroom 4
Second Level

Northwestern Sagamore Ballroom 6 & 7
Second Level

Southern Sagamore Ballroom 5
Second Level

Western Sagamore Ballroom 1 & 2
Second Level

2-3:30PM NATIONAL JUNIOR DIVISION CAUCUSES

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

Central Salon A Third Level

Eastern Salon B Third Level

Northwestern Salon C Third Level

Southern Salon D Third Level

Western Salon E Third Level

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3:30-4:30PM NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETING
Hyatt Regency,
Mt. Rushmore Room

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 1995**

9:30AM OPENING SESSION

75th National Convention
Indiana Convention Center

OPENING PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER
Linda M. Newsome
National President

INVOCATION
Mrs. Verna Vance
National Chaplain

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Sandi Dutton
National Americanism Chairman

NATIONAL ANTHEM
National Convention Chorus

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION
Lyla Semenko
National Constitution & Bylaws
Chairman

WELCOME
Linda Newsome
National President

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS
The American Legion

Mr. Gilbert Sheeks
President,
The American Legion Convention
Corporation of Indiana

Mr. William Detweiler
National Commander

Mr. Robert Spanogle
National Adjutant

American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Karen Lowe
Department President, Indiana

Mrs. Bonnie Brewer
National Convention Chairman

Eight and Forty
Mrs. Mille Harrold-Nierman
Le Chapeau National

Sons of The American Legion
National Commander

**GREETINGS FROM THE
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS**

Mrs. Helen Holcomb,
Junior Past National President

**INTRODUCTION OF PAGES AND
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Judy Farmer,
National Chairman of Pages

Mrs. Louise Loyd,
National Vice Chairman of Pages

Mrs. Rusty Beeg, Personal Page

Mrs. Peggy Varner, Personal Page

Mrs. Virginia Kitchen, Personal Page

Mrs. Rosita Dietrich, Personal Page

Mrs. Dora Seymour,
National Distinguished Guests
Committee Chairman

Mrs. Evelyn Starr,
National Distinguished Guests
Committee Vice Chairman

Mrs. Jane Dupuis,
National Distinguished Guests
Committee Member

**REPORT OF CONVENTION
COMMITTEES**

Credentials
Jeanette Ghetti

Permanent Organization
Margaret Elliott

Rules
Adelene Smith

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Girls State
Mrs. Kristine West, Chairman

1995 Girls Nation President
Kristine Kalanges

Americanism
Sandi Dutton, Chairman

1995 Girl Scout Achievement
Award Winner
Heather J. Burpee

First Reading of Proposed
Amendments
Lyla Semenko,
Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

**75TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**

RECESS

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4, 1995**

8:30AM CALL TO ORDER
Linda Newsome
National President

INVOCATION
Mrs. Verna Vance
National Chaplain

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Membership
Mrs. Molly Spearman, Chairman

Introduction of Goal Department
Presidents

Junior Activities
Mrs. Sherry McLaughlin, Chairman

Honorary Junior National President
Miss Kristi Bock

**NOMINATION OF 1995-1996
NATIONAL OFFICERS**

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Chaplain
Mrs. Verna Vance

National Historian
Mrs. Mildred Braquet

National Treasurer
Ms. Marta Hedding

National Secretary
Ms. Peggy Sappenfield

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Mrs. Mary Ann Ventulett, Chairman

Cavalcade of Memories
Mrs. Betty Calder, Chairman

Children & Youth
Mrs. Barbara Kranig, Chairman

Finance
Mrs. Anna Gear, Chairman

11AM RECESS

**11:45AM PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS'
LUNCHEON**
Sagamore Ballroom,
Indiana Convention Center

1:30PM CALL TO ORDER
Linda Newsome
National President

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Public Relations
Donna Light, Chairman

**HEART OF AMERICA AWARDS
PRESENTATION**

The American Legion Auxiliary

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Constitution & Bylaws
Lyla Semenko, Chairman

3:30PM RECESS

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

8:30AM CALL TO ORDER

Linda Newsome
National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Verna Vance
National Chaplain

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL
CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials Report
Jeanette Ghefti, Chairman

ELECTION OF 1995-1996
NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service
Virginia Hobbs, Chairman

Education
Katherine Morris, Chairman

Leadership
Desiree Stoy, Chairman

Legislative
JoAnn Cronin, Chairman

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Security
Ann Blalock, Chairman

Past Presidents Parley
Helen Holcomb, Chairman

Poppy
Elsie Bailey, Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Phyllis Bachman, Chairman

75th Anniversary
Syble Deshotel, Chairman

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION OF 1995-1996
ELECTED OFFICERS

11:15AM RECESS

1PM CALL TO ORDER

Linda Newsome
National President

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL
PRESIDENT
Linda Newsome

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Lou Chester,
Chairman

Mrs. Regina Davison,
Vice Chairman

Mrs. Anna Thompson,
Member

RECESSIONAL OF COLORS

2:30PM ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

8:30AM CALL TO ORDER

Linda Newsome
National President

INSTALLATION OF 1995-1996
NATIONAL OFFICERS

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September 7, 8, 9, 1995



☑ Mille Nierman
La Chapeau
National



☑ Helen Moore
La Secretaire-
Cassiere
Nationale

REGISTRATION

Ruby Mahaffey, Chairman

All packets are to be picked up at Registration Desk, Eight and Forty Headquarters Office, Monument Suite (Lower Lobby) Ramada Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Office opens Tuesday, September 5, 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. until Friday noon, September 8.

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Emblem and/or Stock Item orders only will be taken in the Eight and Forty Headquarters Office, Monument Suite (Lower Lobby) Ramada Plaza Hotel from September 5 through September 8.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

All Distinguished Guests are to meet in the Meridian Ballroom (Lower Level) West Entrance Door, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis upon their arrival to be presented.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

**11:30AM LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX
PASSES LUNCHEON**

Parlor D - 21st Floor, Ramada Plaza Hotel

PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2-4PM CHILDREN & YOUTH
Circle Suite, Lower Lobby
Martha Marsh, Chairman

2-4PM PARTNERSHIP
Panorama Ballroom, 21st Floor
Helen Goewey, Chairman

2-4PM NURSES SCHOLARSHIP
Panorma Library, 21st Floor
Phyllis Harden, Chairman

2-3PM CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
Parlor A, 21st Floor
Eunice Staley, Chairman

3-4PM HANDBOOK COMMITTEE
Parlor A, 21st Floor
Donna Baley, Chairman

2-2:30PM RITUAL & EMBLEM COMMITTEE
Parlor B, 21st Floor
Martha Barron, Chairman

2:30-3PM AWARDS COMMITTEE
Parlor B, 21st Floor
Midge Farrar, Chairman

3-4PM PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
Parlor B, 21st Floor
Helen Bone, Chairman

**2-4PM LA CONCIERGE, LES
MARECHALS & ALL PAGES**
Parlor C, 21st Floor
Wanda North, La Concierge

2-2:30PM PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
Parlor D - 21st Floor
Jane McClintic, Chairman

2:30-3:30PM MARCHE RULES COMMITTEE
Parlor D, 21st Floor
Judy Shippee, Chairman

3:30-4PM CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Parlor D, 21st Floor
Nancy Janssen, Chairman

2-2:30PM L'ARCHIVISTE
Board Room, 21st Floor
Ivy Christoffers

2:30-3PM L'AUMONIER
Board Room, 21st Floor
Reina Svacha

3-4PM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Board Room, 21st Floor
Marion Grant

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

4:30-6PM PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR
Meridian Ballroom (Lower
Lobby)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1995

LA MARCHE SESSION

8:30AM OPENING SESSION
Mrs. Donna Berkheimer
La Marche National Chairman
presiding

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES

Mrs. Frances Keefe

Mrs. Jeanette Michelet

Mrs. Virginia DeForce

Mrs. Ann Suvak

Mrs. Lois Lansdale

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Mrs. Kathleen Robinson

Mrs. Jean Hayes

Mrs. Marie Smith

Mrs. Donna Baley

Mrs. Elsie Hemphill

Mrs. Dorothy Brady

Mrs. Colleen Stephens

Mrs. Virginia Kates

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Escorted by La Marche Pages
The Hat Box Editor,
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La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale,
Mrs. Helen Moore

L'Avocate Nationale,
Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer

L'Aumonier Nationale,
Mrs. Reina Svacha

L'Archiviste Nationale,
Mrs. Ivy Christoffers

LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

Central Division,
Mrs. Beverly Stites

Eastern Division,
Mrs. Virginia Laird

Northwestern Division,
Mrs. Marjorie Miller

Southern Division,
Mrs. Virginia Bowman

Western Division,
Mrs. Kaye Stang

LE DEMI CHAPEAU

Mrs. Elizabeth Lori

LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Mrs. Mille Harrold-Nierman

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Mille Harrold-Nierman,
Le Chapeau National

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

La Concierge Nationale and Les
Marchals

INVOCATION

Mrs. Reina Svacha,
L'Aumonier National

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Wanda North,
La Concierge Nationale

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Linda Jelinek,
Marche Soloist

Mrs. Flo Fidler,
Marche Pianist

FLANDERS FIELD

Mrs. Virginia Bowman,
Southern Division Demi Chapeau

AMERICA'S ANSWERS

Mrs. Virginia Laird,
Eastern Division Demi Chapeau

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Helen Moore,
La Secretaire Nationale

**READING OF THE CALL TO 1995 LA
MARCHE NATIONALE**

Mrs. Helen Moore,
La Secretaire Nationale

**REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE
FOR 1994 NATIONAL MARCHE**

Chairman Maxine Martin

Eunice Staley

Kathleen Robinson

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS**

Mr. William Detweiler,
National Commander,
The American Legion

Mrs. Linda Newsome,
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American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Syble Deshotel,
National Vice President,
American Legion Auxiliary

Mr. Robert Spanogle,
National Adjutant,
The American Legion

Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield,
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Mrs. Barbara Kranig,
Children & Youth Chairman,
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Mr. Eugene Lindquist,
National Children and Youth
Chairman,
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Mr. Terry Woodburn,
Deputy Director,
Americanism Children & Youth,
The American Legion

Mr. William Pease,
Assistant Director,
Americanism Children & Youth,
The American Legion

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State of Indiana

Mr. Stephen Goldsmith,
Mayor,
City of Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. Gilbert Sheeks,
President,
The American Legion National
Convention Corporation of Indiana

Mr. Ron Lowe,
Department Commander,
Department of Indiana,
The American Legion

Mr. K. Michael Ayers,
Department Adjutant,
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The American Legion

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Mrs. Sue Liford,
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American Legion Auxiliary

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Le Chapeau Departemental,
Departemental d'Indiana,
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Mrs. Louise Loyd,
La Secretaire Departemental,
Departemental d'Indiana,
Eight and Forty

Mrs. Bonnie Brewer,
National Convention Chairman,
American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Donna Berkheimer,
National La Marche Chairman,
Eight and Forty

**INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAU NATIONAUX
PASSES**

Mrs. Mille Nierman,
Le Chapeau National

**SPEAKING FOR THE CHAPEAU NATIONAUX
PASSES**

Mrs. Virginia Kates,
Immediate Chapeau National Passe

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

La Marche National Rules
Chairman Judy Shippee

Permanent Organization
Chairman Jane McClinitic

**REPORT OF DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAU
NATIONAUX AND INTRODUCTION OF
LES CHAPEAU DEPARTEMENTAUX**

Central Division,
Beverly Stites

Eastern Division,
Virginia Laird

Northwestern Division,
Marjorie Miller

Southern Division,
Virginia Bowman

Western Division,
Kaye Stang

**REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR
1994-1995**

Le Chapeau National,
Mrs. Mille Harrold-Nierman

Le Demi Chapeau National,
Mrs. Elizabeth Lori

L'Archiviste National,
Mrs. Ivy Christoffers

L'Aumonier National,
Mrs. Reina Svacha

L'Avocate Nationale,
Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer

La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale,
Mrs. Helen Moore

The Hat Box Editor,
Mrs. Violet Montgomery

**10:30AM NOMINATION OF NATIONAL
OFFICERS FOR 1995-1996**

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**11:30AM DIVISIONAL LUNCHEAS AND
CAUCUSES**

Central Division
Henry's Room
Le Demi Chapeau Beverly Stites

Eastern Division
Panorama Library, 21st Floor
Le Demi Chapeau Virginia Laird

Northwestern Division
Parlor B, 21st Floor
Le Demi Chapeau Marjorie Miller

Southern Division
Parlor C, 21st Floor
Le Demi Chapeau Virginia Bowman

Western Division
Parlor D, 21st Floor
Le Demi Chapeau Kaye Stang

**DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING LUNCHEAS**

**2PM SECOND SESSION — LA MARCHE
NATIONALE**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND
INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR
DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN**

Children and Youth
Chairman Martha Marsh
Speaker: Miss Melissa Bise,
National Jewish Center for
Immunology and Respiratory
Medicine

Finance
Chairman Venita Holthaus

Nurses Scholarship
Chairman Phyllis Harden

Partnership
Chairman Helen Goewey

Rituals and Emblems
Chairman Martha Barron

Constitution and Bylaws
Chairman Eunice Staley

Awards
Chairman Midge Farrar

Advisory Committee
Chairman Virginia Kates

Handbook Committee
Chairman Donna Baley

Publicity
Chairman Helen Bone

National Photo Book
Chairman Emily Miner

National Memory Book
Chairman Joyce Hawley

**PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE
COMMITTEES
National La Marche Chairman
Donna Berkheimer**

RECESS

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 1995**

**7:30-9:30PM SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
Meridian Ballroom, Lower Lobby**

Information will be presented by the
National Officers and Chairmen.
Helen Moore, La Secretaire-
Caissiere Nationale presiding. **ALL
PARTNERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 1995**

**8:30AM THIRD SESSION — LA MARCHE
NATIONALE**

MEMORIAL SERVICE
L'Aumonier National Reina Svacha,
presiding

PRELUDE
Flo Fidler, La Musicienne

PROCESSIONAL
Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes

LES DEMI CHAPEAUX DIVISIONAL
Le Chapeau,
Departemental de Michigan

ADVANCING THE MEMORIAL BOOK
Elizabeth Lori,
Le Demi Chapeau National

LIGHTING THE MEMORIAL CANDLE
Mille Harrold-Nierman,
Le Chapeau National

PRAYER
Reina Svacha,
L'Aumonier National

MUSICAL SELECTION

TRIBUTE TO ALL DECEASED PARTNERS
Mille Harrold-Nierman,
Le Chapeau National

**EULOGY IN MEMORY OF LELLA GLEASON
HUNT**

Le Chapeau National Passe
Jacklyn Skinner,
Le Chapeau Deprtemental de
Michigan

**TRIBUTE TO ALL PARTNERS ENTERING
ETERNAL REST
1994-1995**

Divisional Demi Chapeaux:

Central Division,
Beverly Stites

Eastern Division,
Virginia Laird

Northwestern Division,
Marjorie Miller

Southern Division,
Virginia Bowman

Western Division,
Kaye Stang

RESPONSE

Reina Svacha,
L'Aumonier National

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Reina Svacha,
L'Aumonier National

ANSWERING CALL TO SALON ETERNAL
Wanda North, La Concierge

MUSICAL SELECTION

RECESSIONAL

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until after the recessional, and
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until conclusion of the service.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE
COMMITTEES**
Credentials Committee,
Chairman Nancy Janssen

Resolutions Committee,
Chairman Marion Grant

**ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR
1995-1996**

PRESENTATION OF LES MARECHALS
Linda Turner, Utah

Jacklyn Skinner, Michigan

**PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES TO LE
CHAPEAU NATIONAL**
Chairman Bev Hood, Washington

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PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL
 Betty Lehman, Washington
 Barbara Rutherford, Washington
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 Pat Schwabland, Washington (Honorary)
 Harriett Haslam, Washington/Arkansas (Honorary)

PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL PAGES TO LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE
 Louise Loyd, Indiana
 Martha Barron, Arizona
 Betty Schlueter, Minnesota

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAU NATIONAUX

INTRODUCTION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX AND PINNING OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX

REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
 Judge Frances Gaperio, California

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1995-1996

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

POST MARCH POUVOIR
 Immediately following Saturday Morning La Marche Meeting

REHEARSAL FOR INSTALLATION
 Immediately following Post Marche Pouvoir

6-7PM CASH BAR
 Foyer, Lower Lobby

7PM INSTALLATION BANQUET
 Meridian Ballroom, Lower Lobby

PROCESSIONAL OF GUESTS
 Banquet Chairman,
 Donna Berkheimer

INVOCATION
 L'Aumonier National
 Reina Svacha

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 La Concierge Nationale
 Wanda North

NATIONAL ANTHEM
 Linda Jelinek,
 Marche Soloist
 Flo Fidler,
 Musicienne Nationale

WELCOME
 National La Marche Chairman
 Donna Berkheimer

RESPONSE
 National Le Demi Chapeau
 Elizabeth Lori

BANQUET SERVED

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 Le Chapeau National,
 Mille Harrold-Nierman

ENTERTAINMENT

RECESS

INSTALLATION OF 1995-1996 NATIONAL OFFICERS
 Installing Officer,
 Le Chapeau National Passe,
 Dorothy Brady
 Installing L'Aumonier,
 Le Chapeau National Passe,
 Marie Smith
 Installing La Concierge,
 Le Chapeau National Passe,
 Colleen Stephens

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL PASSE PIN TO MILLE NIERMAN
 By Le Chapeau National Passe,
 Helene Mardu

REMARKS
 Le Chapeau-Elect
 Elizabeth Lori

REMINISCING
 Le Chapeau National
 Mille Harrold-Nierman

BENEDICTION
 L'Aumonier National Reina Svacha

RETIREMENT OF COLORS
 La Concierge Nationale
 Wanda North

ADJOURNMENT OF 1995 LA MARCHÉ NATIONALE

RECEIVING LINE FOR 1995-1996 OFFICERS

SPECIAL MARCHÉ COMMITTEES

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JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
Frances Gaperio, California

TELLERS
Marion Heller, New Jersey
Kathy Riordan, Connecticut

CLERKS
Rosalie Randall, Wisconsin
Josephine Keohane, Massachusetts

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CAISSIERE NATIONALE**
Louise Loyd, Indiana
Martha Barron, Arizona
Betty Schlueter, Minnesota

REGISTRATION
Chairman Ruby Mahaffey, Indiana
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Abbie Williamson, Mississippi
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Linda Jelinek, Missouri

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Sandy Pile, Indiana
Margarete Whiteman, Indiana

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Dr. Corinne Walker

Publicity In State, Ruth Frye

Entertainment, Vermillion County
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Stephens

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Indianapolis, Indiana,
Sept. 1-3, 1995



☒ **Joseph M. Mayne**
(Minn.)
National
Commander



☒ **Woodrow Mudge**
(Colo.)
National Adjutant

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

**1PM REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL
CONVENTION DELEGATES AND
ALTERNATES BEGINS**

4PM PRE-CONVENTION N.E.C. MEETING

Call To Order
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Posting of Colors

Invocation
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

**NOTE: Times of subsequent session
and time of Convention Committee
Reports are subject to change by the
Chair.**

Preamble To The Constitution Of
The S.A.L.

Roll Call
Woodrow Mudge (Colo.)
National Adjutant

Introduction Of Guests

Appointments Of Acting Officers

Reading Of Minutes Of Previous
Meeting

Greetings By John Kerestan,
National S.A.L. Liaison

Commission Reports

Legislative Commission

Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation

Public Relations Commission

Community Affairs Committee

Americanism Commission

Children and Youth Committee

Child Welfare Foundation

Education Committee

Internal Affairs Commission

Convention Committee

Membership Committee

Finance Commission

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Old Business

New Business

For The Good Of The S.A.L.

Final Announcements

Benediction

Retirement Of The Colors

Adjournment

5PM Registration Closes

24th Annual National Convention

7PM OPENING CEREMONY

Introduction Of National Officers

James A. Siverson (Ore.)
National Convention Committee
Chairman

Call To Order
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Posting of The Colors
Apache Junction, Ariz., S.A.L.
Squadron 27 Color Guard, Current
National S.A.L. Color Guard
Champions

Invocation
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble To The Constitution of
The Sons of The American Legion

POW/MIA Ceremony
Apache Squadron Color Guard

Memorial Service And W.W.II 50th
Anniversary Commemoration
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Roll Call
Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (Colo.)
National Adjutant

Reading of The Convention Call
Woodrow L. Mudge, National
Adjutant

Opening Remarks
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Introduction of Past National
Commanders

Presentation of Child Welfare
Report and Awards
Terry Kettering (Ohio)
Chairman National Child Welfare
Foundation Committee

Establishment of Convention
Committees

Salute To The Colors

Recess For Committee Meetings

*(Note: During the Convention
sessions, various addresses will be
delivered)*

9PM (Approx.) Convention Committee

Meetings

10PM Committee Meetings Recess

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 1995**

8AM DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE
REGISTRATION OPENS

9AM 24TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
RECONVENES

Call To Order
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Invocation
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble To The Constitution of
The Sons of The American Legion

Roll Call
Woodrow L. Mudge (Colo.)
National Adjutant

First Report of Credentials
Committee

First Report of Legislative And
Rules Committee

Presentation of National History
Contest Awards
Craig R. Smith (Ohio)
National Historian

Presentation of Community Service
Scrapbook Award
Bruce F. Paquin (Md.)
Chairman National Community
Affairs Committee

Salute To The Colors

Recess For Convention Committee
Meetings

12:30PM AREA CAUCUSES

1PM CONVENTION RECONVENES

Call To Order
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Salute To The Colors

Reports of National Officers
Donald E. Chalmers (N.Y.)
National Vice Commander
(East)

Brian K. James (Ky.)
National Vice Commander
(South)

George Sauber (Minn.)
National Vice Commander
(Central)

Richard Cook (Okla.)
National Vice Commander
(Midwest)

Allen Henry (Ore.)
National Vice Commander
(West)

Reports of National
Convention Committees
Credentials—
Preliminary Report

Americanism

Constitutional Amendments

Finance

Internal Affairs

Legislative And Rules

Roll Calls For Nominations of
National Officers

Recess

3PM REGISTRATION CLOSES

4PM PARADE

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 1995**

7:30AM REGISTRATION OPENS

8:30AM REGISTRATION CLOSES

Convention Reconvenes

Call To Order
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Salute To The Colors

Invocation
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Woodrow L. Mudge Jr. (Colo.)
National Adjutant

Membership Committee Report

Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation
Committee Report

9:45AM Recess For Joint Memorial
Service

10:15AM Joint Memorial Service

12:30PM Convention Reconvenes

National Commander's Report
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Presentation of National
Commander's Citations
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

Final Report of Credentials
Committee

Special Order of Business

Election of National Commander

National Vice Commanders (5)

National Chaplain

Installation of Newly Elected
National Officers

Benediction
Lester Grummons (N.Y.)
National Chaplain

Retirement of Colors

New National S.A.L. Color Guard
Champion

Final Adjournment
Joseph M. Mayne (Minn.)
National Commander

3PM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
POST-CONVENTION MEETING

Call To Order
Newly Elected National Commander

Salute To The Colors

Invocation
Newly Elected National Chaplain

Roll Call

National Adjutant

Confirmation of Appointed National
Officers

Remarks By Committee And
Commission Chairman

Unfinished Business

New Business

Benediction
Newly Elected National Chaplain

Salute To The Colors

Adjournment
Newly Elected National Commander

NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

(East)
Donald E. Chalmers (N.Y.)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

(South)
Brian K. James (Ky.)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

(Central)
George Sauber (Minn.)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

(Midwest)
Richard Cook (Okla.)

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER

(West)
Allen Henry (Ore.)

NATIONAL ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS

Thomas Milligan (Mich.)
Harold E. Thompson, Jr. (Neb.)
Wendell Gordon (N.M.)
Kevin B. Proctor (Colo.)
William E. Matoska (Md.)

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Lester Grummons (N.Y.)

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Craig R. Smith (Ohio)

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

Joseph Paviglianti (N.Y.)

NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Kirk D. Thompson (Minn.)

NATIONAL ASSISTANT SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

R. Mike Matteson (Ariz.)
Charles D. Higgins (Minn.)
Mike McNally (N.Y.)
Thomas P. Voigtman (Iowa)
Terry J. Gilbert (Calif.)

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AIDE

Korry D. Thompson (Minn.)

SAL PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

1968	Michael Seaton (Calif.)
1969	Robert McBride (Ohio)
1970	J.R. Stillwell (Ill.)
1971	J.R. Stillwell (Ill.)
1972	John Smolinsky (Mass.)
1973	Robert Faust (Calif.)
1974	James Hartman (Md.)
1975	Gregory Reis (Ill.)
1976	Grant Jamieson (Mich.)
1977	Charles Gannon (Md.)
1978	John M. Sherrard (Calif.)
1979	Richard Kepler (Ariz.)
1980	Ernest Wilson (N.J.)
1981	Donald Willson (Pa.)
1982	David P. Stephens (Ind.)
1983	Christopher R. Cerullo (N.Y.)
1984	Fred Hartline (Ohio)
1985	Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (Colo.)
1986	Royce Doucet (La.)
1987	Douglas Bible (Minn.)
1988	Richard L. League (Md.)
1989	David Faust (Wis.)
1990	Charles R. Belles (Va.)
1991	Robert A. Worrel (Ind.)
1992	Eugene L. Sacco (Calif.)
1993	Charles Rigsby (Mich.) (Deceased)
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1995 ANNUAL REPORT

Covers Period Ending
June 1, 1994

The following pages of this official program of the 77th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed Annual Report for The American Legion 1994 year.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your National Headquarters provides this report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed Annual Report.

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the Legion's Congressionally granted charter and provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved Sept. 18, 1941.

National Adjutant's Report

Back Home Again

THE novelist Thomas Wolfe once wrote: "You can't go home again." That admonition can be interpreted in many ways. But the fact is: We have come home again to our headquarters city of Indianapolis for our 1995 National Convention!

But there is more to our return to Indianapolis than simply a place to hold our 77th National Convention. I believe the decision can be symbolic of a much more significant "going home," not just to the "heartland of America," but to our "basics."

As The American Legion embarks toward the 21st century and future accomplishments in service to veterans and their families, and to this nation, we are returning to the fundamental values and principles embodied in the four pillars upon which our founders built this great organization: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. These noble ideas form the heart of The American Legion.

And firmly grounded on that traditional, time-tested foundation, we are "Still Serving America!"

The American Legion has recorded many accomplishments during these past 12 months. However, I want to cite just one that stands out as an example of our solemn pledge to preserve a 100 percent Americanism.

Five years ago, at our 1990 Convention here in Indianapolis, we had just embarked on a major, national campaign to protect the Flag of the United States from physical desecration. A year before, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a narrow and erroneous decision, ruled that burning an American flag was considered political expression protected as free speech by the First Amendment. Congress hurriedly enacted a law to protect the flag. Almost as rapidly, that law was struck down by the high court. We knew then that a constitutional amendment was the only way to overturn the Supreme Court's deci-



ROBERT W. SPANOGL
National Adjutant

sion. But an attempt to pass such an amendment failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority.

This time, we went about our campaign in the right way. We organized and stepped-up our efforts in an informational, educational and political campaign to generate an even greater expression of support for an amendment. Our "quiet revolution" set about gathering petitions and convincing 49 state legislatures to pass "memorializing" resolutions while asking Congress to enact a flag amendment. We engaged Burson-Marsteller, a major national public relations firm, to guide our lobbying and public relations efforts. And, we founded the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA), a huge, grass roots coalition to support our cause.

Five years of hard, dedicated work by thousands of members of The American Legion family and thousands more citizens from the 100-plus like-minded organizations under the CFA banner produced a huge groundswell of local-level support. The politicians began to get the message. Intensive lobbying efforts paid off. Our campaign gained its first major

success on June 28, 1995, when the U.S. House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 79 by a vote of 312 to 120.

As I write this, we face a stiff battle in the U.S. Senate to gain the necessary 67 votes for passage of an amendment. But we will work to convince these senators to see this as a right of the people to choose and send an amendment back to the states for ratification. We are also confident it will be ratified more quickly than any other constitutional amendment in the history of this nation.

It will be the proudest legislative accomplishment in American Legion history, ranking alongside our authorship and passage of the GI Bill of Rights.

I want to express my great appreciation and gratitude to all those who have joined in this historic quest, under the strong leadership of National Commander William Detweiler and his predecessors. The diligent effort of hundreds of American Legion and Auxiliary activists and CFA members in every state was crucial in bringing us this far.

This dedication to protect the American flag as the one unique and unifying symbol of our nation and all that it stands for is the highest form of service to the principle of Americanism—one of our fundamental purposes.

As veterans who served our country, we formed a bond during that service: "I shall not fail those with whom I served." That oath we took is a covenant not only with our country and our flag, but with each other. That is what makes veterans special, and we will carry it on through our membership in The American Legion.

We are "Still Serving America!"

ROBERT W. SPANOGL

National Adjutant

National Officers

THE AMERICAN Legion is committed to serving the nation's veterans, their families and all children. This commitment has remained solid since 1919, when veterans of World War I returned to American soil and formed this great organization.

As the Legion convenes in Indianapolis, the site of its National Headquarters, delegates gather to conduct the business of the nation's largest wartime veterans' organization. From this convention will come policies that will direct the 3 million volunteer members as they work to make their communities and our nation better in the coming year.

The American Legion accomplishes its goals through National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., and a major national office in Washington, D.C.

The Legion's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a one-year term. Other national officers chosen by the National Convention are the five National Vice Commanders.

William M. Detweiler of New Orleans, La., is the 1994-95 National Commander of The American Legion. The major accomplishments of the Legion during his term of office are represented in the following pages



WILLIAM M. DETWEILER
(LA)
National Commander



ROBERT W. SPANOGLE
(MI)
National Adjutant

of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant,

the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms compose the appointed National Officers of The American Legion. ■



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National Vice Commander



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National Vice Commander



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National Chaplain



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National Treasurer



Carl S. Wiperman
(WA)
National Historian



Charles D. Aucoin
(LA)
National Sergeant-at-Arms

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee, composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain and one National Executive Committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each

Department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote.

The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has complete control over the annual budget.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

Alabama	James F. Fraughnaugh	Montana	Hugh C. "Tony" Cumming
Alaska	William M. Bishop	Nebraska	Jack O. Gilmont
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California	John J. Bettencourt	New Jersey	Albert M. Robotti
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Connecticut	Richard W. Anderson	New York	William L. Brown
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District of Columbia	Louis J. Glekas	North Dakota	Aaron "Moody" Dalke
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Georgia	Horace E. Borders	Oregon	T. Les Galloway
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Kansas	U.S. "Udie" Grant	South Dakota	Donald T. Clarke
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Mississippi	Hershel O. Ladner	Wyoming	Robert P. "Pat" McCreery
Missouri	Charles W. Salter		

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

E. Roy Stone Jr.	South Carolina
Erle Cocke Jr.	Georgia
J. Addington Wagner	Michigan
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma
William R. Burke	California
Hon. Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa
L. Eldon James	Virginia
William E. Galbraith	Nebraska
John H. Geiger	Illinois
Joe L. Matthews	Texas
James M. Wagonseller	Ohio
Harry G. Wiles	Kansas
William J. Rogers	Maine
John M. "Jack" Carey	Michigan
Frank I. Hamilton	Indiana
Michael J. Kogutek	New York
Jack W. Flynt	Texas
Al Keller Jr.	Illinois
Keith Kreul	Wisconsin
Clarence M. Bacon	Maryland
James P. Dean	Mississippi
John P. "Jake" Comer	Massachusetts
Hon. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke	North Dakota
Miles S. Epling	West Virginia
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Roger A. Munson	Ohio
Bruce Thiesen	California

National Commander DETWEILER

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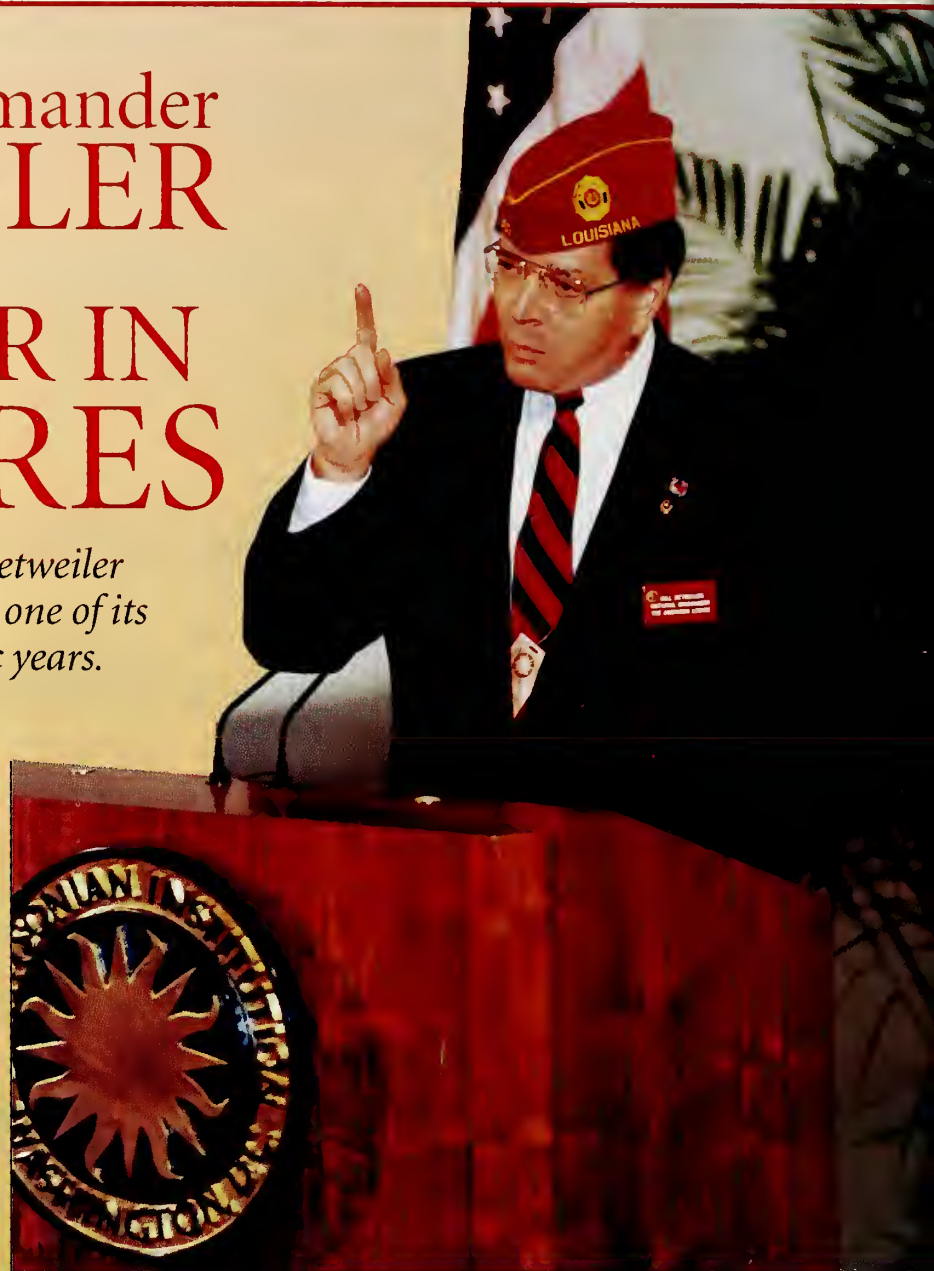
THE YEAR IN PICTURES

*National Commander Detweiler
guided the Legion through one of its
most visible and historic years.*

◆ **POINT MAN**—National Commander William M. Detweiler led the Legion's opposition to the Smithsonian Institution's historically inaccurate display of the Enola Gay. Here, Detweiler explains the Legion's position during a joint press conference with Smithsonian representatives.

◆ **FOR HONOR**—Detweiler and his wife, Maureen, pay tribute at South Korea's tomb of the unknown soldier.

◆ **IN FLIGHT**—Detweiler accompanied President Bill Clinton to Russia to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of V-E Day.





❶ **OATH OF OFFICE**—Past National Commander E. Roy Stone Jr. swears in Detweiler at the 76th National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. Detweiler became the fourth Vietnam-era veteran to lead The American Legion.

❷ **RUSSIAN LINE**—Detweiler celebrates the 50th anniversary of V-E Day with Russian WWII veterans.

❸ **KOREAN DUTY**—The Detweilers tour the grounds of South Korea's tomb of the unknown soldier.

❹ **VIETNAM SEARCH**—As part of his Far-East tour, Detweiler became the first American Legion National Commander to enter Vietnam in 20 years. While in Vietnam, he inspected this crash site of a U.S. aircraft.



YOUTH CHAMPIONS

As part of The American Legion's commitment to the country, it sponsors many programs for the wholesome development of America's youths. Tens of thousands of students compete in Legion-sponsored activities each year. Those who finished at the top of their programs are featured on this page.

BOYS NATION PRESIDENT

RICK LAM JR.

RICK LAM JR., 17, was elected this year's president after campaigning against other delegates at the Legion's Boys Nation program in Washington, D.C.

The high school junior was sponsored by Post 260 of Tecumseh, Okla. The son of Rick and Sue Lam, Rick is a charter member of the Citizens Flag Alliance and is active at Post 260, where his father is a member. Lam plays tennis, is a student council member, an executive class officer and is in the top 10 percent of his class. He was also Oklahoma Boys State governor.

In addition to his school activities, Lam runs Ground Zero Communications, providing motivational speeches to Boy Scout troops, hospitals, schools and other organizations throughout the country.



EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

ZACHARY THOMAS

ZACHARY THOMAS, 18, is this year's recipient of The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year award and \$8,000 scholarship. Thomas, sponsored by Post 86 in Cedartown, Ga., is a member of the Sons of The American Legion and is the recipient of several Legion awards including 1994 and 1995 Georgia Scout of the Year.

Thomas was selected based on his high school activities and achievements, community leadership, religious youth involvement and letters of reference. Thomas, a Boy Scout for eight years, has served several leadership positions in the scouts as well as receiving the Eagle Scout award. He was also a Boys State and Boys Nation delegate last year.

Thomas, the son of Larry and Janice Thomas of Cedartown, Ga., will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this fall.



1994 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

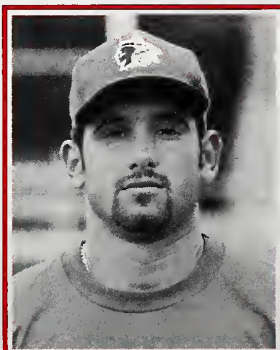
FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ, 20, was the 1994 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year. Rodriguez was a pitcher for Post 346, Miami, Fla., which won The American Legion Baseball World Series championship in Boyertown, Pa.

He was named the Player of the Year at the conclusion of the World Series and received a \$2,000 scholarship. A sophomore at Florida International University, Rodriguez is studying business.

He was 4-0 in tournament play and threw 32½ innings of scoreless ball through regional and World Series play. In the championship game, he allowed just five hits, while striking out six and walking only one batter. Rodriguez also hit his first home run in organized competition in the third inning of the championship game.

His parents are Miguel and Rita Rodriguez of Miami, Fla.



ORATORICAL CHAMPION

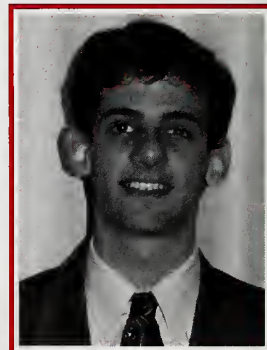
ARON EGNER

ARON EGNER, 18, is the winner of the 1995 American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Egner, sponsored by Post 1450 of Clifton Park, N.Y., will receive an \$18,000 scholarship for his speech at the finals in Harrisburg, Pa., this April. In his speech, titled "Choosing Democracy," he discussed citizens' right to vote.

The nationwide contest was created to promote a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution among America's youth. About 25,000 high school students participated in the contest this year.

Egner was also the 1994 New York American Legion Boys State governor and attorney general at Boys Nation.

His parents are David and Ilana Egner of Ballston Lake, N.Y. He will study Political Science at Princeton University this fall.



JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS CHAMPION

TERRY BRADLEY

TERRY BRADLEY, 17, is the Precision winner of the 1995 Junior Air Rifle National Championship.

Bradley, who was sponsored by Post 143 of Cherokee, N.C., competed against 11 other shooters this summer in the finals of the Junior Shooting Sports competition at the National Rifle Association's headquarters in Fairfax, Va.

The competition is divided into two categories: the Precision and the Sporter classes. Shooters in both classes aim at a bull's eye the size of a pencil point from a distance of 10 meters (33 feet).

Bradley, last year's Sporter winner, beat his closest competitor by 26 points. He will receive a \$500 scholarship.



OUTSTANDING MILITARY ACADEMY STUDENTS

Each year The American Legion salutes the best students attending the nation's military academies. On this page are the outstanding students for 1995.

NAVY



SAILOR—Midshipman Benjamin Anders Shupp receives the Legion's U.S. Naval Academy award at Annapolis, Md., from National Vice Commander Calvin E. Patton. The award is given annually to the graduating midshipman who has the highest academic average in the English, history and government courses taken to complete a foreign-affairs major.

ARMY



SOLDIER—National Vice Commander H. Gordon Burleigh presents Cadet Garth S. Herbert with the Legion's Military Academy award at West Point, N.Y. Herbert won the honor for his achievement in chemistry.

AIR FORCE



AIRMAN—National Vice Commander Vernon K. Grosenick presents Cadet Douglas P. Wickert with the Legion's U.S. Air Force Academy award in Colorado. The award is given to the graduating cadet with the best overall academic performance.

COAST GUARD



COAST GUARDSMAN—National Vice Commander Joseph T. Craig presents The American Legion Coast Guard Academy award to Cadet Blake L. Novak at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, in New London, Conn. Novak won the award for his excellence in athletics.

The American Legion

1995 Annual Report

Commission & Committee Reports

Americanism

COMMISSION



Ray G. Smith
(North Carolina)
Chairman

Marty Justis
(Maryland)
Director

THE hundreds of thousands of volunteers throughout the organization who donate time to conduct programs of Americanism help Americans of all ages prepare for, and accept the challenges of, active citizenship. It is through their efforts that many programs of the National Americanism Commission are among the most visible activities of The American Legion.

It is the objective of the National Americanism Commission to translate Americanism precepts, principles and ideals in an understanding and practical manner to American Legion Posts and other groups and individuals, including young America. The National Americanism Commission has attempted to achieve that objective through programs emphasizing community service, better citizenship, youth development, educational assistance and counter-subversive activities.

The concept of Americanism and how it relates to the many programs of this Commission is best explained by offering a definition of the word "Americanism," and its foundation of volunteerism:

"Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

"It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free people in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a cause, a way of life—the best way of life ever

known—a challenge and a hope in this world.

"Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States and a fathomless love for the principles which led our forefathers to found this country.

"It is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

An effective national Americanism program depends upon Post level, community-oriented activities. The local Americanism programs become the lifeblood of The American Legion, helping to maintain a large membership base while fostering a beneficial public awareness in their respective communities.

The success of The American Legion's Americanism programs is reflected in their longevity and in the achievements of program alumni. Some of these successes are obvious, while others may be disguised in the quiet and inconspicuous growth of young people who respect each other and their country. These activities have helped shape the moral fiber of our society since the beginning of The American Legion 76 years ago.

In addition to administering established programs, the National Americanism Commission also works in other areas. Maintaining a close liaison with The American Legion's Legislative Division, it has been actively working to secure a constitutional amendment to protect our flag from those who would physically desecrate it. Flag education, including efforts to protect it, is a priority activity of the commission and it will always be a visible program in the organization.

During the past year, the Americanism Commission has devoted attention to federal legislative matters it feels are important to most Americans. Current mandates of the

organization that are paramount to the interests of the commission continue to be in the areas of illegal immigration, terrorism, and the establishment of English as the official language of the United States.

The Americanism Commission is also charged with the supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees: The National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

AMERICAN Legion Baseball has steadily grown during the past 10 years. In 1995, 4,684 teams registered, an increase of 162 teams.

Just prior to this National Convention, eight regional championship teams competed in the 1995 American Legion World Series at Fargo, N.D. The event concluded the 70th consecutive season of the nation's oldest amateur youth baseball program.

Sixty-two percent of Major League Baseball players participated in American Legion Baseball as teenagers, and almost 75 percent of all college players played Legion ball. American Legion graduates enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., include Reggie Jackson, Tom Seaver, Johnny Bench, Don Drysdale, Brooks Robinson, Yogi Berra, Stan Musial and Bob Feller.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

THE American Legion's Junior Shooting Sports Program is a national activity administered through Post-sponsored Junior Shooting Clubs. The program exists to provide gun safety and marksmanship training for young people and to offer recreational activity through organized competition.

Each year, the National Americanism Commission conducts a series of postal competition matches which culminate in a National Three-Position Air Rifle Tourna-

ment. National Champions are crowned and awards and scholarships presented in an Olympic-style environment.

Although the program is still relatively new, it is growing at a rapid rate and now includes more than 400 American Legion-affiliated clubs. This year's competition attracted over 750 shooters.

BOY SCOUTS

THE first national Americanism youth activity of The American Legion was the organization's support for the Boy Scouts of America. Through the years, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary support of Scouting has helped hundreds of thousands of young men become better citizens.

Last year, almost 2,500 Scout units chartered to American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units served more than 66,000 young men and women. Yes, Boy Scout Exploring Units do have young ladies as members.

Each year, the National Americanism Commission selects an American Legion Scout of the Year. The recipient of this award is presented an \$8,000 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to The American Legion's National Convention. This year the title of "Scout of the Year" was bestowed upon Zachary L. Thomas of Georgia. Three runners-up were awarded scholarships of \$2,000 each. The young men selected were: Brett N. Kellner of Florida; Stacey D. Stafford of Tennessee; and Ernest E. Lagimoniere Jr. of Maryland.

BOYS STATE/ BOYS NATION

AMERICAN Legion Boys State has been a program of the National Americanism Commission since 1935. Forty-nine states conduct this unique program of citizenship education that emphasizes participation, personal experience and instruction.

More than 1.5 million young Americans have been introduced to politics and public service through the Boys State program.

More than 28,000 high school juniors annually attend Boys States. They are selected cooperatively by school officials and Legionnaires for their academic and leadership abilities. At Boys State, they are acquainted with the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by officials duly elected and appointed by citizens of a Boys State. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies and recreation.

Each year, the Boys States select two outstanding graduates to represent them at The American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, D.C., in July of each year, Boys

Nation introduces the delegates to the operation of the government at the federal level.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

THE American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest was first conducted in 1938 with the intention of instilling in high school students a greater understanding and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives of the contest include leadership development, the strengthening of speaking ability and the inducement to study in preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

On April 3, 1995, 53 Department champions began the week-long trail to the national finals at Harrisburg, Pa., where the final four contestants vied for \$60,000 in scholarship money. The four national finalists by order of finish were: Aron Egner of New York; Mark Arimoto of Hawaii; Brian Sappington of South Dakota; and Whitney Jackson of South Carolina.

Those who competed at the regional level received a scholarship of \$1,000. Those who competed at the sectional level, but did not go on to the Finals, received an additional \$3,000 scholarship. During the week of national competition in this activity, scholarships awarded totaled \$138,000.

The national finals will be held at Topeka, Kan., next year.

FLAG EDUCATION

THE American Legion has long been one of this country's primary sources for information about proper Flag etiquette. It was instrumental in convening the first National Flag Conference in 1923, at which time a set of rules of Flag courtesy was developed. These rules later evolved into the Flag Code, which was first adopted by Congress in 1942.

Since the establishment of the National Americanism Commission, Flag education has been a major program of The American Legion. Each year, Posts throughout the country distribute volumes of Flag literature to schools and groups as a community service. Included are publications such as "Know Your America" and "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette," both available from National Emblem Sales.

SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY

SERVICE to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a

spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first part of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second part is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift, and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations that support the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program. ■

Counter-Subversive Activities

C O M M I T T E E

■ **F. Rodney Loper**
(Pennsylvania)
Chairman

THE Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its beginning in November 1950, has continued to keep a watchful eye on activities of certain organizations and individuals who threaten our form of government. It reports its findings in the monthly publication *Firing Line*.

If you wish to receive *Firing Line*, send your name and address along with a check or money order to: The American Legion Firing Line, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Single subscriptions are available for \$7 per year. Bulk subscriptions also are available at \$1.50 each, when a minimum of 20 copies are mailed to one address. ■

C O M M I T T E E O N

Education

■ **Dr. Charles L. Vawter Jr.**
(Arizona)
Chairman

SINCE its inception in 1919, The American Legion has concerned itself with promotion of positive educational activities. A joint committee was formed with the National Education Association (NEA)

resulting in the first American Education Week observance in 1921. For over 50 years, the committee met annually to discuss education issues and plans for each American Education Week observance. In 1975, however, the NEA dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations.

The American Legion organized its National Committee on Education to maintain a strong positive influence on education in America. It is the only national committee with a voting membership from both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. This exemplifies the cooperation that is necessary and vital to successful Legion programs and activities that support the system of education in America.

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

As our Country's young people move from high school to college, The American Legion continues to support their search for knowledge. Recognizing the high cost of college tuition, The American Legion sponsors a wide variety of educational assistance programs.

The 45th edition of *Need A Lift?* contains information that will help make college a reality for many high school graduates. In addition to sections on scholarships and financial aid, it offers information on tuition costs, entrance qualifications and enrollment figures. *Need A Lift?* also contains an application for a low-cost electronic search for other sources of college funding.

The financial aid database used in this computer search is now available to Posts. The American Legion and National College Services Ltd. are the distributors. Posts can purchase this program and provide the scholarship service to the youth of their community or present it to the local high school or community library.

The National Committee on Education is aware that many students are accepted to college but do not have the money to meet their full financial need. For this reason, The American Legion has become a sponsor of the Option 4 Education Loan, administered by United Student Aid Funds Inc. Complete details of the loan program are available from the Americanism and Children & Youth Division, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or USA Funds, P.O. Box 6180, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6180.

SUMMARY

WHAT appears in this year-end report reflects only a small part of the work carried out by The American Legion's National Americanism Commission. Much more time, effort and money are expended by Posts, District and Departments as they work to serve their communities, their states and their nation. ■

Administrative SERVICES

Daniel S. Wheeler
(Virginia)
Executive Director

FOUR major responsibilities are assigned to the Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis:

- During temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, he acts for him. He additionally performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the responsibilities of that office.

- He is in charge of the Administrative Services Division, which has the following divisions under that responsibility: Administrative Communications, Human Resources, Maintenance, Cafeteria, Library and the E.A. Blackmore Museum.

- He serves on the Personnel Committee, Publications Board and the MIS Committee.

- He coordinates computer operations, which has an MIS (Management Information Services) Director reporting to the Executive Director for administrative purposes.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

MIS (MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES)

MIS is currently responsible for support of the following programs:

- Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of database and reporting system.

- Updating of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, Membership, SAL, *Firing Line*, Commanders and Adjutants file, *Dispatch* mailing lists, and printing of labels and renewal notices.

- Direct membership solicitation.
- The printing of membership cards and registers, Department accounting reports, statistical information, Consolidated Post Reports and delinquent member lists.

- The printing of Department paper mailing labels.

- PUFL member updating and financial checks.

- Emblem Sales invoices and reports (minicomputer in Emblem Sales).

- Audit control and circulation analysis reports for THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

- Inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.
- General ledger financial reports.
- Accounts receivable.
- Accounts payable.
- Retirement investment program.
- Furniture and Fixtures inventory and depreciation reports.

- National Commission and Committee list.

- Post Office carrier route discount processing on all Department labels and direct billing.

- Selecting and creating disks for Department member roster for input to the computers. Selecting and providing Department membership on microfiche.

- Printing of direct bill membership renewal notices.

- Outside sales of laser and other services.

- Address standardization on all Department labels and direct billing.

- The printing of Stay Active reports and forms.

- The printing of annual Commander and Adjutant notification cards and reports.

- The printing by Department of 3 x 5 cards and labels for new DMS members.

- Request for documents, labels, diskettes, etc., for Divisions, Departments and Posts. ■

COMMISSION ON Children & Youth



✠ **Eugene V. Lindquist**
(Minnesota)
Chairman

Marty Justis
(Maryland)
Director

THE National Commission on Children & Youth views children as our most precious natural resource. The "Whole Child" plan, adopted in 1925, provides that "the child of every veteran should have a home, health, education, character and opportunity." Its foundation is based on three principles:

1. Strengthening the family unit.
2. Extending support to sound organizations that provide services to children and youth.

3. Maintaining a well-rounded program that meets the needs of today's young people.

Toward the accomplishment of these goals, the National Commission on Children & Youth continually rededicates itself to helping all young people realize their full potential.

This past year has been one of organization, planning and action. Based on our past

successful partnership with the Foundation Fighting Blindness, we developed and instituted a pilot program called "Seeds for Sight." This program, conducted in April—our Children and Youth Month—gave our members the opportunity to create community awareness of The American Legion family and our concern for the nation's young people. Through our combined efforts, we hope to generate enthusiasm for the program, create a positive public image for our organization and provide valuable information on retinal degenerative diseases.

Our landmark program, Temporary Financial Assistance, has completed 70 years of service to the children of veterans. Last year we granted almost \$326,000 to veterans' families and touched the lives of 1,624 children. These precious dollars afforded 716 families food, clothing and shelter, thus preserving the integrity of the family home.

We continue to strive to have National Family Week, by legislation, permanently established as an annual observance, and to emphasize, by education through Post activity, the importance of the family unit as the cornerstone of our society. Toward that end, we have developed two new brochures entitled "National Family Week" and "Parents: For Your Information." In addition, we are currently engaging in conversation with other organizations whose goals and objectives in this regard are similarly aligned to our own.

There are few parents who would fail to protect their children from a hot stove, poisonous materials or an oncoming car. However, there still remain those who fail to protect them from childhood diseases, which can be as real and as dangerous. Immunization levels of preschool children have been declining during the past years. The American Legion's immunization efforts began in 1944 recruiting the services of members in the treatment of early childhood diseases. Our current position on immunization was established in 1963 and has been continually reaffirmed.

With the assistance of the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Commission has developed the booklet, "Don't Hesitate...Vaccinate!" Through the distribution of this booklet, we can help our children avoid serious health problems, thus allowing them the opportunity to reach for their full potential.

The growing problem of youth and violence is a concern that certainly affects all Americans—not just our young people—and may well be the number one issue on the criminal justice agenda. While youth violence is not a new problem, there are good reasons for heightened concern. First, homicide has become the leading cause of death for young African-Americans. Second, the intensity of violence involving young people has escalated in the last decade. And third, children are witnessing violence at ever-younger ages.

Since the 1930s, The American Legion has been concerned with juvenile delinquency and youth violence. Last year, the commission began distribution of a new brochure titled "Juvenile Delinquency" to help educate, both our members and the public, and provide suggestions on how they may deal with this pressing and volatile issue in their communities.

Involvement is the key to any successful Children & Youth program. To help Posts obtain timely information on subjects ranging from advocacy to youth services, the Commission recently updated our "National Resource Directory on Children & Youth Programs and Services." This valuable source book will help our children and youth volunteers access available data on national programs and materials. It is our hope that, through the dissemination of this information, Post Children and Youth chairmen will be encouraged to take leadership roles in community projects, promoting both their active involvement and continued visibility.

The Commission is proud of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of The American Legion and the Eight and Forty for their accomplishments on behalf of our country's youth. Their efforts in the area of child welfare are a living testament to the ability of free men and women to adapt themselves to evolving needs, while maintaining high principles and taking on increased responsibilities under those principles.

With your continued support, our organization will continue to lead the way in pursuing "A Square Deal for Every Child." ■

Convention COMMISSION



James J. Charleston
(Illinois)
Chairman

Richard D. Holmes
(Indiana)
Manager

THE 76th Annual National Convention of The American Legion was held in Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 2-8, 1994. Convention attendees enjoyed the hospitality of the host city and festivities of the Convention.

National Commander Bruce Thiesen greeted Convention delegates, alternates and guests at the opening business session on Tuesday morning, which was preceded by a tremendous live/audio-video presentation, "Through the Eyes of a Hero." This production, a history of The American Legion, was narrated by an actor portraying

American Legion Founder Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and commemorated the 75th Anniversary Celebration of The American Legion.

Words of welcome were received from the Honorable David Durenberger and the Honorable Paul Wellstone, U.S. Senators from Minnesota; the Honorable Arne Carlson, Governor of Minnesota; and the Honorable Sharon Sayles Belton, Mayor of Minneapolis. A highlight of the agenda was the presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Award by National Commander Thiesen to Walter Annenberg, former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain.

On Tuesday afternoon, an open forum was conducted by the Citizens Flag Alliance for all Convention attendees on the campaign for a constitutional amendment to prevent desecration of the U.S. Flag.

Other Convention highlights included the Patriotic Religious Service held on Sunday morning, the Convention Parade on a wet Sunday afternoon, and the Convention Contests on Saturday.

The winner of the Senior Band Contest, designated as the official American Legion National Championship Band, was the Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.

Results of the Senior Color Guard Contest were as follows: Military Class (Closed)—Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard (American Legion National Championship Color Guard); Military Class (Open)—Pure Heaven Color Guard, Auxiliary Unit 37, Ames, Iowa; and Open Class—Parkville Patriots, Post 183, Baltimore, Md.

The City of Minneapolis, local Convention officials, the Minnesota Department and the National Staff were commended by the Convention Commission for successfully planning and conducting the 1994 National Convention.

CONVENTION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

THE Convention Commission held three regular meetings during the year at the Spring Meeting, the National Convention and the Fall Meeting. On Feb. 28, 1995, in Washington, D.C., The American Legion announced that it had canceled plans to hold the 1995 National Convention in Portland, Ore. This decision was reluctantly made after the nation's largest veterans' organization failed to reach a satisfactory final agreement with the City of Portland on a number of necessary convention elements and activities. As a result of this action, the 1995 Convention was relocated to the City of Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 1995. Dates and locations for future Conventions are:

Salt Lake City, Utah	Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 1996
Orlando, Fla.	Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 1997

New Orleans, La.
Anaheim, Calif.
* Tentative

Sept. 4-10, 1998
Sept. 3-9, 1999*

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Jeffrey L. Olson
(Minnesota)
Chairman

THE Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the Convention Commission and is directed to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of those persons invited to attend the National Convention as Distinguished Guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements upon arrival and departure at the Convention city.

The Committee also handles credentials, agendas, itineraries and other details of the Convention. ■

CONDENSED REPORT ON National Emblem Sales Division

■ **Keith H. Gwilliam**
(Utah)
Chairman

Alfred L. Lankenau
(Indiana)
General Manager

THE American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1994 and for the first three months of 1995.

January 1 to December 31, 1994

(12 months)

Gross Sales	\$6,696,373
Cost of Goods Sold	\$3,813,147
Overhead	\$2,092,494
Operating Profit	\$790,732

Total number of 1994 orders processed was 71,150.

January 1 to March 31, 1995

(3 months)

Gross Sales	\$1,654,403
Cost of Goods Sold	\$931,868
Overhead	\$520,154
Operating Profit	\$202,381

Total orders processed for first 3 months of 1995 was 17,643. ■

Economic COMMISSION



■ **Allen L. Titus**
(Indiana)
Chairman

James B. Hubbard
(Michigan)
Director

THE National Economic Commission and its two standing committees on Employment and Veterans' Preference are responsible for ensuring that America's veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families. In order to achieve this goal the commission and its committees work closely with such governmental agencies as the Department of Labor, the Office of Personnel Management, the Small Business Administration and the Loan Guaranty and Vocational Rehabilitation services of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since the adjournment of the 76th National Convention in Minneapolis, the National Economic Commission and its committees have met on three occasions.

FALL 1994 NEC MEETING

AN executive session of the National Economic Commission was held Oct. 17-18, 1994, to consider five resolutions. A resolution supporting free, fair and open competition in the high-technology marketplace was recommended for adoption.

The commission further recommended that a resolution regarding increasing funding for Title IV-C of the Job Training Partnership Act be received and recorded as current Legion policy; that one on de facto hiring quotas be rejected; that one on establishing educational requirements for case managers be disposed of administratively; and that a resolution regarding the veterans' affairs officers in Small Business Administration offices be received and recorded.

The National Executive Committee accepted all the commission's recommendations.

1995 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

IN conjunction with the 36th Washington Conference, the National Economic Commission met in executive session Monday, Feb. 27, to hear speakers on a variety of economic issues.

Preston Taylor, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Train-

ing, spoke on the successes the Veterans' Employment and Training Service had in 1994.

Mike Brinck, staff director for the House Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, spoke on legislative issues coming before his committee in this session of Congress.

Richard Whitford of the Office of Personnel Management spoke on the federal government's hiring practices, including replacement of the SF 171 with more modern, shorter, easier-to-use application forms and use of resumes.

Citations of Appreciation for long service to veterans' employment were presented by the National Economic Commission to recent retiree Bob Carbonneau and soon-to-be retiree Don Smith of the Office of Personnel Management.

Dave Gerard, American Legion project director for the Laborers' International Union of North America, gave the commission and guests an overview of how the Legion/Laborers' Union career transition program is working.

Prior to the Washington Conference, Chairman Titus appointed a subcommittee to review all nominations that had been received during 1994 in the Employer of the Year awards program and the Employment Service awards program. This subcommittee met Feb. 26 to select winners in the large, medium and small employer categories, and in the LVER, DVOP and Employment Service Office of the Year categories. Those appointed to the subcommittee were James A. McMahon, Chairman; Henry J. Field; William E. Christoffersen; E.C. Toppin; Leonard E. Shaw; and Benedict A. Lee, and Delbert Fuhrman, alternate.

The subcommittee considered 59 employer nominations from 28 Departments. Of these nominations, 20 were for small employers, 19 were for employers in the medium-size category and 20 were for large employers. Of these entries, 16 nominations (7 large, 4 medium and 5 small) were, for one reason or another, ineligible for the national awards. Winners and runners-up will be reviewed by the Labor Department for pending safety and health or fair labor practices violations before the announcement is made.

The subcommittee also considered 17 nominations for LVER of the Year, 17 for DVOP of the Year and 17 for Employment Service Office of the Year.

The full commission met at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, to conduct a business session and consider the awards subcommittee's report. The report was approved as read. A policy resolution was presented and adopted, updating certain technical regulations governing the awards programs. A draft resolution concerning reinvention of Veterans Employment and Training Services was presented, and several changes were suggested. A final resolution on this

subject would be presented at the Spring NEC meeting. James Hubbard, the commission's staff director, briefed the commission on his office's activities since its last meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

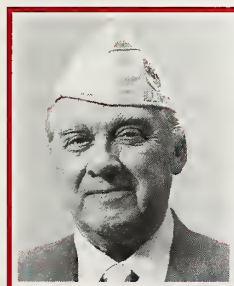
SPRING 1995 NEC MEETING

MEMBERS of the National Economic Commission and its two committees met in executive session on May 1 in conjunction with the Spring NEC meetings. Three resolutions were considered and one, on reinvention of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, was recommended for approval. The others, on educationally disadvantaged veterans and on extension and funding for SMOCTA, were recommended to be received and recorded. The balance of the meeting time was used for a legislative update, discussion on the agenda for the meetings of the National Economic Commission at the National Convention, and a briefing by staff on current activities of the commission.

The NEC accepted the commission's recommendation for the resolutions. ■

Finance

COMMISSION



George W. Boucek
(Illinois)
Chairman

Webber LaGrange
(Indiana)
National
Treasurer

Paul M. Allen
(Minnesota)
Director

THE primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee, handle funds under that budget and exercise reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the National Organization operate within their approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is composed of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary; the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Directors of the Washington and Indianapolis offices and the Finance Director, as well as our Liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The National Organization had an operating deficit of \$1,561,180 for the year 1994. In September 1993, at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., Resolution No. 1 was adopted which stated effective Jan. 10, 1994, the national per capita will be \$9 which is

allocated as follows: \$6.50 to the General Fund and \$2.50 to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. Prior to Jan. 10, 1994, we received \$5.50 dues per member, which was allocated as follows: \$3 to the General Fund and \$2.50 to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, magazine advertisements, Emblem Sales, contributions and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's Report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the Reports of Committees and Trusts which come under the jurisdiction of this commission and can be found elsewhere in this publication. These reports include the:

- American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.
- American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation
- American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee
- American Legion Emblem Committee
- American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

THE AMERICAN LEGION Child Welfare FOUNDATION INC.

U.S. "Udie" Grant
(Kansas)
President

THIS has been a year of change for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Beginning in 1995, the Board of Directors will now meet twice a year. As a result, grants will now be made during the October meetings for the grant year to run from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 for project completion.

The accounting year for the Foundation will also be moved to a calendar year. I would like to add at this point, however, that all awards normally given at the National Leadership Workshops as well as Foundation Alumni Network pins and plaques will still be based on the fiscal year contributions received from June 1 of the current year to May 31 of the following year. This is being done to accommodate individual Department leadership so that they receive just credit for their family organization during their year in office. As of this writing, since June 1, 1994, the Foundation has received over \$320,000 in donations or bequests.

Past National Commander Robert S. Turner was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Past National Commander L. Eldon James. His years of dedication to the Foundation will be missed but we are sure Commander Turner is going to be an excellent addition.

Our new logo is being dispersed around the country and we are receiving many compliments on its design. It is now appearing on printed materials as well as videos that have been produced from grants given by the Foundation. You, your Post, Unit, Squadron and Salon are the primary contributors to the success and growth of our Foundation. We consider ourselves a "family" organization and we always want that to be foremost in our efforts. We encourage each member and each local organization to make an annual contribution in support of our Foundation so it can continue to fund projects that will assist children by giving them a better chance at life.

Your Board of Directors very much appreciates the efforts you have taken this past year to help with the growth of the Foundation and very much looks forward to your continued support. We do make a difference for the children in our society and by working together we will continue to make that difference. It is our sincere hope that the changes made will all be for the better to encourage recognition and growth through the coming years. The demand for philanthropic funds becomes greater each year. Over the past several years funding requests have ranged between 60 and 70 each year. This year so far, we have received application requests from more than 100 non-profit organizations looking for project funding. As we are becoming better known, the demand for our resources becomes heavier. This is positive because it indicates our recognition in the philanthropic community, but it also demonstrates the continued need of support required to keep funding worthwhile activities.

I would also like to give special thanks and recognition to all of the Foundation RATs. These individuals are essential to our support and we are so very thankful for their efforts in fund-raising. They have done an excellent job in your Department. ■

Foreign Relations

COMMISSION



Alan P. Hall
(Florida)
Chairman

G. Michael Schlee
(Maryland)
Director

OVER the past year, the Foreign Relations Commission stressed support for major strengthening of laws on regulation of lobbying, and increasing public awareness of POW/MIA issues.

LOBBYING REFORM

AT THE direction of the National Executive Committee, in 1991, the Foreign Relations Commission completed a detailed study on the effects of foreign lobbying on the governance of the United States. Subsequently, three strong resolutions have been adopted. They urge increased disclosure requirements for lobbyists, restrictions on former key national leaders from serving as lobbyists, curtailment of floor privileges for former members of Congress who later become lobbyists, measures to ensure fair treatment of American lobbyists overseas, and centralized administration of lobbying disclosure reports.

In 1994, reform legislation was passed by both the Senate and House but was defeated in the Conference Committee with the support of The American Legion. On that occasion the Legion stated, "The American Legion would be pleased to testify as to the reforms needed. Lobbying of Congress is a constitutional right of all Americans.... Reporting of activities should be reasonable, not overwhelming. Laws should not be written to protect lawmakers from themselves, but to ensure that the voice of America can be heard equitably."

It is expected that lawmakers will once again consider lobbying reform in the 104th Congress.

POW/MIA ISSUES

THE National Commander once again appointed the Foreign Relations Chairman an ex-officio member of the Special POW/MIA Committee, which is chaired by Past National Commander Robert S. Turner. Members of the Foreign Relations Commission receive periodic updates on POW/MIA activities and then use that information to assist in increasing public awareness of the POW/MIA issue among Legionnaires and the general public.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

THE Special POW/MIA Committee conducted a POW/MIA Update at the Washington Conference, presenting a wide range of information on the issue.

National Commander William M. Detweiler reported on his trip to Vietnam in late 1994. He stated that he did not go to Vietnam to assess past U.S. government failures but to look to the future. The three purposes of the trip were to check on the status of current U.S. government POW/MIA efforts in Vietnam, to assure that the name of The American Legion was not being abused on the issue, and to bring the office of National Commander into use to seek further progress on resolving the POW/MIA issue. A visit to an excavation site searching

for remains in Chu Chi demonstrated that such actions are costly and time-consuming and are further complicated by the passing on of witnesses, changes in the terrain, and objections by farmers. In discussions with Vietnamese officials, stress was placed on the necessity for Vietnam to release more POW/MIA documents.

It is known that Hanoi has many more documents because it has provided summaries of some of them. The Vietnamese officials refused to discuss the topic. During the visit, it was not possible to determine if the U.S. government had made more progress since lifting the embargo in February 1994. Another look must be taken at the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii. Certainly it had problems in the past but now has a much better system with safeguards in place. The American Legion should continue to push on the POW/MIA issue; the families have a right to learn what really happened. The main thrust in the future should be to press Vietnam to release the many POW/MIA documents it holds, all the more so now that relations have been normalized. ■

THE AMERICAN LEGION Life Insurance COMMITTEE

■ **Jerome P. Dobel Jr.**
(Missouri)
Chairman

G. Paul Dunn
(Oklahoma)
Assistant Director, Membership Services

THE American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides oversight for the several life insurance plans currently offered by The American Legion and is assigned to the National Finance Commission.

The American Legion Life Insurance Program supports several National programs which are among the most prominent and visible activities of The American Legion. The programs are listed below with the corresponding funding for 1994:

American Legion Baseball \$660,385; National Oratorical Contest \$277,050; Junior Uniformed Musical Groups \$20,000, for participation at the National Convention; Boys Nation \$144,833; Boy Scout of the Year Scholarship Awards \$14,000, which consists of a first-place award of \$2,000 per year up to four years, not to exceed \$8,000, for pursuit of a course of study beyond high school. Three second-place awards in the amount of \$2,000 each are also granted.

These requests for grants are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance Committee, the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee.

The American Legion is now offering a Level Term Life Plan to members, their spouses and dependents. This includes Sons of The American Legion members and spouses. The Legion-approved Level Term Life Plan is underwritten by Hartford Life Insurance Company. The ITT/Hartford lends additional stability to the Legion-approved Life Plan because of that company's sound operating performance and consistent high ratings from A.M. Best.

In addition to level term, the *AdvanceLife* Plan from The American Legion is one of the most unusual and important benefits Legion members and spouses will ever have the opportunity to acquire.

With *AdvanceLife*, members and spouses get not only life insurance protection but also Nursing Home Benefits and Last Illness Benefits. The Nursing Home and Last Illness Benefits are automatically built into the plan. *AdvanceLife* provides more peace of mind and financial security than members ever had before.

The *AdvanceLife* Plan will pay 100 percent of the selected Life Benefit up to a total of \$100,000. Members are eligible to receive Last Illness Benefits if they are certified by a doctor to be terminally ill with a prognosis of 12 months or less to live and if the administrator is notified of acceptance of Last Illness Benefits.

The monthly *AdvanceLife* Nursing Home Benefit is equal to 2 percent of the Life Insurance Benefit. This benefit can be used to help pay the extremely high cost of nursing home care, or for whatever is desired. The benefit can begin after living in a qualified nursing home for three consecutive months and will continue for up to 25 months.

The Life Insurance Committee is pleased to announce that Kirke-Van Orsdel Inc., and Union Fidelity will be working together to expand the Life Insurance Program in 1995 and beyond.

Several new products will be reviewed to give members a more flexible choice of life insurance benefits. Tax-deferred savings, underwritten whole life and extended guaranteed term periods are a few of the features that will be studied to be included in future product offerings.

The Committee and insurance providers are seeking to fill the gaps in present coverage with an entire spectrum of life insurance products. A "return-of-premium" term product previously offered may again be available by late fall. Supplemental and conversion coverage for active duty and recently discharged members is also under study.

Another plan available to members and spouses is Birthday Life, a guaranteed-issue combined level whole life and accidental death benefit insurance plan with premiums at entry age that do not increase as the insured grows older. No medical exam is required.

Guaranteed renewable for life, Legionnaires and spouses age 45 through age 80

are eligible to enroll for this plan, which builds cash values and offers a loan provision. The age limit in Washington and New Jersey is younger than age 80. Contact Union Fidelity for details.

The plan provides a limited death benefit for the first two years for natural causes and provides full benefits during that period for accidental deaths. Full benefits in any event are payable after two years.

Requests for information on the insurance plans should be directed to:

The American Legion National
Headquarters
Attn: Mr. G. Paul Dunn
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

REQUESTS for information concerning the status of applications, nonreceipt of insurance renewal, filing of death claims, status of death claims, amount of premium, inquiries as to whether or not a member is insured, or specific questions pertaining to the terms of coverage should be directed to:

Decreasing Term
AdvanceLife Level Term
Kirke-Van Orsdel, Inc.
1776 West Lakes Parkway
Des Moines, IA 50398
1-800-542-5547

Birthday Life
Union Fidelity Life Ins. Co.
4850 Street Road
Trevose, PA 19049
1-800-523-5758

Internal Affairs COMMISSION



Herman G. Harrington
(New York)
Chairman

Hubert R. Dagley II
(Indiana)
Director

THE National Internal Affairs Commission was established by resolution of the National Executive Committee in 1947. The original charge for this constitutional commission still remains: to formulate and recommend policies and to oversee the implementation of adopted policies relating to activities conducted for organizational purposes.

Among those purposes are all those not properly the responsibility of any other national commission, as well as member-

ship strategies, Post formation, clerical and records administration for Posts and individual members, and special projects. The commission also is required from time to time to provide guidance and assistance to the National Adjutant on necessary administrative operations of the National Headquarters.

Under the broad interpretation of those purposes not properly the responsibility of other commissions, Internal Affairs oversees awards, constitutional discipline and commemorative activities. The commission also monitors legislative and other regulatory activities which potentially affect Posts and Departments, and recommends appropriate courses of action.

The commission has four standing committees assigned to it for supervision and coordination. They are Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials; Resolutions Assignment; Constitution and By-Laws; and Membership and Post Activities. The latter has separate reporting responsibilities to the National Convention and the National Executive Committee.

Internal Affairs is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the activities of the Sons of The American Legion, which is not a separate organization, but rather, a major program of the organization.

Internal Affairs has recently administered special and ad hoc committees overseeing commemorative activities such as the 75th anniversary of The American Legion, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and support for the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Women's Memorial. The commission also oversees long-term programs and activities such as the National Paid-Up-For-Life program and the National Emergency Fund. In addition, the commission conducted the successful efforts to combat historical revisionism at the National Air and Space Museum and to protect Posts from OSHA-imposed regulations governing indoor air quality.

TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS

Earl D. Franklin Jr.
(Colorado)
Chairman

THIS committee supervises all of the official national awards and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients for the Distinguished Service Medal; over the years, some of those awarded The American Legion's highest honor were: General John J. Pershing, Ignace Jan Paderewski, Henry Ford, Ernie Pyle, Bob Hope, Babe Ruth, Dr. Jonas E. Salk, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the dead and missing of the

Vietnam War, 10 men who have served as President of the United States in the 20th century, plus many other citizens of renown who have made lasting and significant contributions.

Other awards this committee recommends include the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award. A report is also prepared for the NEC on miscellaneous awards that have been presented during each year.

The committee also supervises the contents of the Manual of Ceremonies of The American Legion.

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT

Whit S. LaFon
(Tennessee)
Chairman

THE Resolutions Assignment Committee meets at least three days before the annual National Convention convenes. This committee has the responsibility to receive, consider and transmit all resolutions—with or without recommendation—to the appropriate convention committee for a report to the convention. During an average year, 300-400 resolutions will be assigned.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Francis L. Giordano
(New York)
Chairman

THE National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion can be amended only by the duly elected delegates at a National Convention.

However, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, established by the authority of the National Executive Committee in 1939, is authorized to study and make proper recommendations concerning all matters that pertain to the Constitution and By-laws, as well as matters that relate to the Uniform Code of Procedure, which provides rules and regulations for the revocation, cancellation or suspension of Department and Post Charters of The American Legion.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

IN 1978, The American Legion started a series of multiple-purpose workshops to educate and inform members of its family, which includes the Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion.

The National Leadership Workshops in 1995 will provide important updates, infor-

mation and training about Immunization, Flag Education, American Legion Baseball, Membership, the National High School Oratorical Program, Junior Shooting Sports, Teen Suicide, Disability Compensation & Pension, Burial Benefits, Filing of VA Claims, Child Safety, Public Relations, Community Involvement and much more.

Members of every Post, Unit or Squadron are encouraged to attend one of the workshops because one of the best ways to build and maintain a strong, proactive organization is to have a membership that is well-informed on issues, goals and programs of The American Legion.

Attending every year can provide individuals with new information, as well as reinforce previous viewpoints, which will strengthen The American Legion, Auxiliary, the SAL and the community. During this year's meetings, there will be concurrent sessions on Americanism, Auxiliary programs, Children & Youth, Membership, Public Relations, Service Officers' Training and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

The dates and locations for the 17th annual series of workshops are as follows:

Sept. 15-17, 1995 Region 1
Westborough, Mass.

BOSTON MARRIOTT WESTBOROUGH
5400 Computer Dr.
Westborough, MA 01581
Rates are \$77 Single or Double. Reservations cut-off is Aug. 25, 1995. Call (800) 635-3996 or (508) 366-5511.

Sept. 15-17, 1995 Region 5
Grand Rapids, Mich.

HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA
5700 28th Street S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
Rates are \$63 Single or Double/\$10 Additional person. Reservation cut-off is Aug. 25, 1995. Call (616) 957-1770.

Sept. 22-24, 1995 Region 3
Atlanta, Ga.

SHERATON ATLANTA AIRPORT HOTEL
1325 Virginia Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30344
Rates are \$55 Single, Double, Triple or Quad. Reservation cut-off is Sept. 1, 1995. Call (800) 241-4800 or (404) 768-6660.

Sept. 22-24, 1995 Region 7
Las Vegas, Nev.

RIVIERA HOTEL & CASINO
2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Rates are \$49 Single or Double/\$12 Additional person. Reservation cut-off is Sept. 1, 1995. Call (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9411.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1995 Region 2
Wilmington, Del.

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN
700 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Rates are \$60 Single or Double. Reservation cut-off is Aug. 29, 1995. Call (800) 777-9456 or (302) 655-0400.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1995 Region 4
Houston, Texas

SHERATON ASTRODOME HOTEL
8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, TX 77054.
Rates are \$65 Single or Double/\$75 Triple or Quad. Reservation cut-off is Aug. 29, 1995. Call (800) 627-6461 or (713) 748-3221.

Oct. 6-8, 1995 Region 6
Lincoln, Neb.

RAMADA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
141 North 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
Rates are \$55 Single, \$60 Double. Reservation cut-off is Sept. 21, 1995. Call (800) 432-0002 or (402) 475-4011.

Oct. 6-8, 1995 Region 8
Eugene, Ore.

VALLEY RIVER INN
1000 Valley River Way
Eugene, OR 97401
Rates are \$77 Standard Single or Double \$77 Deluxe Single/\$97 Deluxe Double/\$20 Additional person. Reservation cut-off is Sept. 5, 1995. Call (800) 543-8266 or (503) 687-0123.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE Sons of The American Legion will hold its 24th National Convention in downtown Indianapolis.

For the 21st consecutive year, the Sons of The American Legion is at an all-time high in membership. The SAL closed its membership at the end of 1994 with a record 172,276 members. This number represents a 6.8 percent increase over the previous year.

Membership figures for the 1995 year are exceeding the figures for this same period last year. By the National Convention, the SAL will have surpassed the 1994 final membership, giving it another all-time high.

The SAL continues its support of American Legion programs and is proud to be a member of the Citizens Flag Alliance in support of a constitutional amendment to protect our Flag. The SAL continues its support for our nation's veterans. In 1994, the SAL provided over 78,000 volunteer hours in VA homes and hospitals. Donations in goods and cash to these veterans exceeded \$151,000 nationwide. The SAL also raised \$78,362 for the Child Welfare Foundation and provided for several grants through The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

As an integral part of The American Legion family, the Sons continue to serve and provide assistance to Posts and their Committees.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

THE National Emergency Fund has met the immediate needs of our Legion family members since its inception in October 1989, to the tune of almost \$1 million in direct financial assistance.

Grants provided from the National Emergency Fund have met the most urgent needs of those uprooted and displaced by natural disasters, all without repayment or strings attached. Donations from Departments, Posts, Units and Squadrons continue to be the sole source of funding to support this program.

The Chairman of the National Internal Affairs Commission, Herman G. Harrington, was appointed to oversee the actions and accomplishments of the National Emergency Fund by the National Executive Committee during the Meeting, May 3-4, 1995. Harrington reports the NEF's goal of having \$1 million ready cash on hand is still being pursued. Back-to-back disasters over the past several years have precluded the NEF from reaching that goal.

In January 1995, each and every individual making a contribution to the NEF will receive a recently designed NEF lapel pin as a token of appreciation. In addition, all donating Departments, Posts, Units or Squadrons members will receive a 1995 NEF DONOR streamer to be affixed to their colors. Both of these new items have increased contributions and brought the fund a little closer to meeting its goal.

In less than six years, the NEF has received contributions and interest totaling \$1,616,559.64. Grants and assistance provided to disaster victims total \$952,951.76, leaving a balance of \$663,607.88 to meet future disasters needs.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

THE Consolidated Post Report—one of The American Legion's most valuable documents—is our report card to Congress. It provides a summary of the collective aid and assistance provided to the nation from our Legion Posts. Nearly 57 percent of American Legion Posts submitted reports to National Headquarters for the 1993-94 year. The total figures show the cost to outfit Color Guards, Firing Squads and other uniformed groups was \$2,934,152; the Legion Baseball team support cost was \$5,108,614; other athletic teams were provided \$13,955,428; cash contributions to VA Voluntary Service was \$2,029,739, and over

1,448,733 hours of volunteer service were provided; 65,108 Boy Scouts were sponsored at a cost of \$2,132,220; scholarships, valued at \$3,142,273 were awarded to 7,070 students; 2,780,684 hours were spent performing community service work, valued at \$7,390,641; nearly 108,000 pints of blood were donated; additional millions of dollars in goods and cash were contributed to programs helping veterans and their families.

Remember, these facts and figures represent just over one-half of all American Legion Posts; *if all Posts submitted a report, the information would reflect substantially higher totals.*

PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE PROGRAM

THE American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life membership program is often compared to other discount programs offered by other groups; this is an unfair assessment. When the Paid-Up-For-Life program was started nearly 20 years ago, its sole purpose was (and continues to be) to provide a convenience for Legionnaires to purchase a paid-life membership through a one-time payment.

Nearly 175,000 Legionnaires have recognized the offer as a good opportunity and have applied for membership in this unique program.

Certainly, the Paid-Up-For-Life plan is not for everyone—it was never intended to be. For over 75 years, the primary method of being a member has been the payment of dues on an annual basis. This has served The American Legion since its founding, and will remain the most popular method in the future.

Since the last annual report, the membership of Paid-Up-For-Life has continued to grow at a very steady, as well as acceptable, rate. It's estimated that during the next 12 months, 15,000 to 20,000 Legionnaires can be expected to apply for membership into the plan.

Also, since last reported, The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania has become an active participant in the plan. With more than 250,000 members in the Keystone state, it's anticipated that many of them will join in the coming months.

The American Legion of Ohio also came on board in July 1995, leaving only the Departments of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska as non-participants in the national plan; each of them maintain its own state paid-life program for its members.

It is well within reach for the Paid-Up-For-Life membership plan to have 300,000 to 400,000 members enrolled by the end of this decade.

Remember, the plan is a convenience for the member; it's not a discount program. However, over the years, it can save a member considerable money, because the annual dues of any Post is subject to increase. A

Paid-Up-For-Life membership fee is based on the dues of a Post at the time of application, and once accepted into the plan, there is no future assessment to the member for dues.

1995 AFFINITY MEMBER BENEFITS

THE primary focus of the member benefit program for 1995 will be the implementation of a nationwide Discount Prescription Program which was approved by the National Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting.

Resolution No. 26 was passed May 5-6, 1993, and authorized a Discount Prescription Program Test in the Department of Indiana.

The test began on Oct. 1, 1993, with a mailing to Indiana Legion and SAL members. As of Feb. 1, 1995, Indiana Legion and SAL members and dependents have saved more than \$1,125,000 on prescription purchases at REVCO (formerly Hook-SupeRx) pharmacies. The discount average is 32.6 percent off retail prices or about \$12.10 saved per prescription.

In February, the Ad Hoc Committee for Revenue Enhancement met to hear proposals from pharmacy benefit management firms for a nationwide program. The proposals included RxAmerica (Osco & Sav-on pharmacies) and REVCO. The Ad Hoc Committee unanimously approved RxAmerica as provider for a nationwide program.

RxAmerica will be responsible for establishing a nationwide network of pharmacy chains for the Discount Prescription Program as well as promotion. Some pharmacy chains in the network are REVCO, Osco, Sav-on and Rite Aid. These chains collectively represent about 10,000 pharmacies. Seabury & Smith, a Marsh McLennan Company, will serve as broker and technical adviser. Seabury & Smith is the originator of this program.

A resolution recommending a nationwide program was approved by the National Executive Committee in May. The beginning date will be no later than Oct. 1, 1995. The resolution also authorizes revenue sharing with Departments.

This program charges no annual fees and does not require a prescription card. Members simply present their Legion or SAL card at the pharmacy, the ID number is keyed in, and the network price is obtained. A dedicated toll-free number will be provided for mail-order prescriptions and customer-service inquiries.

The program has received an extraordinary amount of praise from Indiana members. More than 6,000 prescriptions per month have been purchased, and this has been accomplished with limited promotional opportunities.

The program will begin with a four-page insert in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, brochures, posters, ad slicks and point-of-purchase brochure holders for display at Posts. Additional magazine ads are planned as well as exhibits at the National Convention and all eight National Leadership Workshops.

We are very optimistic that this program will provide an exceptional value-added benefit to American Legion membership.

The FISI Madison benefit-enhancement program has been put on hold until solutions can be found for more broad distribution of the offer. Current postal costs would be prohibitive for inclusion in renewal notices. We will continue to study possibilities for implementing this benefit program that will allow us to reach the majority of the membership cost-effectively.

We are searching for a motor club opportunity and an auto maintenance discount arrangement. Unfortunately, the search for good benefits can be a lengthy process. We have approached a car rental company about new auto purchase and lease or after-market purchase of rental cars. This is in the very early stages of discussion.

We have a large quantity of the new benefits brochures available for Departments and Posts. Departments and Posts are encouraged to request sufficient quantities to make the brochures available at all meetings. In addition, the benefits brochure was inserted into 350,000 final renewal notices in April. We believe that member awareness of the benefits will increase retention and recruiting. The benefit information is also included in the "Why You Should Belong" brochure to assist new member recruitment.

On a final note, the Eye Care Plan of America Program has been extended to Department Headquarters employees. This is being provided as a service to the Departments since several Departments have employees who are not eligible for Legion or Auxiliary membership, yet these employees provide outstanding service to our members every day.

DIRECT RENEWAL

THE Direct Renewal Program is a uniform, organized and simple way to invite members to renew their membership in The American Legion using a direct mail system. This program has been very successful and effective and has been funded at no cost to either the participating Departments or Posts.

The first two renewal notices are optional for Posts but the final three notices go to all delinquent members. Each Department chooses the dates that its members receive the first three notices: 1. July 1 or Aug. 1; 2. Oct. 1 or Nov. 1; 3. Dec. 15 or Jan. 11. The March 13 and May 1 notices go to all delinquent members.

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION

SINCE 1982, the Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) Program has been responsible for acquiring over 1,575,000 new members into the 52 participating Departments. Obviously, the DMS Program has proved to be very successful in the acquisition of new members but, again this year, the emphasis will be on the transfer, renewal and retention of those members.

The DMS Program will continue to support The American Legion's ongoing membership efforts with special emphasis on the retention of all members. ■

Membership & Post Activities

C O M M I T T E E

■ **Bettylou Evans**
(Delaware)
Chairman

Lee A. Hardy
(Minnesota)
Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP and programs go hand-in-hand to make The American Legion an organization that is able to provide the people and the resources the veteran and his/her family need. Your Membership and Post Activities Committee is pleased to report a continuing membership of nearly 3 million members worldwide.

MEMBERSHIP

Final 1993 membership	3,104,973
Final 1994 membership	3,053,584
1995 membership	2,945,000*

* Estimate of the year-end tally.

32ND ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

THE 32nd annual membership meeting convened in Indianapolis Saturday, July 29, 1995, with the vast majority of the 55 Departments represented. For the past several years the attendance has climbed, and this year was no exception. Legionnaires arrived in Indianapolis with a very good understanding of how to work membership in their respective geographical area, but by the time this workshop concluded they were prepared to face the day-to-day membership challenges with a better understanding

of The American Legion as it relates to potential members.

The goal of this workshop is to educate and motivate those in attendance so they can return home and share the information and excitement with their membership recruiting force. This year's membership theme was introduced during the opening session of the workshop—"Still Serving America." The decision to adopt this theme was based on one of the founding principals—veterans taking care of veterans. With the changing times, the need to reinforce our commitment to veterans and their families is of utmost importance.

Promoting this year's theme will attest to our willingness to look beyond one's self, and meet the needs of those veterans who are disabled, distressed or suffering as a result of answering their country's call to duty.

Other areas discussed during this annual gathering were New Post Formation, Direct Membership Solicitation program, Direct Renewal, Personal Contact with new members and face-to-face contact with members who have not renewed.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

THE National Membership Awards Program distributes more than 65,000 various awards annually to recognize membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization. The promotion plan for the National Membership Campaign is formulated during the annual planning session of the M&PA Committee held in Indianapolis in January.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

CONTAINED within this extensive program are a wide variety of prizes ranging from simple certificates and ribbons to valuable gifts and travel. The awards are designed to reward the membership success of dedicated Legionnaires at all levels of the organization and to encourage continued growth. Get active in membership recruiting, ask a veteran to join our ranks today. You'll be glad you did—and you can earn one or more of the many prizes and awards listed below. Contact your Department Membership Chairman for more information.

Early Bird Contest—Aug. 16, 1994: Forty Departments qualified for the 30 percent awards. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire,

New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Autumn Festival—Sept. 20, 1994: Fifty-one Departments qualified for the 40 percent awards with 31 qualifying for the 45 percent bonus awards. The 40 percent Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. All Departments, noted above, with the exception of Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mexico, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, earned the 45 percent bonus award.

Oktoberfest—Oct. 18, 1994: Forty-nine Departments qualified for the 50 percent awards with 32 qualifying for the 55 percent bonus awards. The 50 percent Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. All of the Departments noted above, with the exception of Alabama, California, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, earned the 55 percent bonus award.

Pearl Harbor—Dec. 13, 1994: Forty-three Departments qualified for the 70 percent awards with 18 qualifying for the 75 percent bonus. The 70 percent Departments are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia,

West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. All of the Departments noted above, with the exception of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming, earned the 75 percent bonus award.

Big Twelve Competition—Feb. 22, 1995: Twelve Departments qualified for the 90 percent awards with one qualifying for the 95 percent bonus award. The 90 percent Departments are: Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Mexico, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin. The bonus 95 percent Department is Mexico.

"Big Twelve" Competition Winners

Category I	Minnesota
Category II	Wisconsin
Category III	No Department Qualified
Category IV	No Department Qualified
Category V	No Department Qualified
Category VI	Delaware

The American Legion Birthday—April 11, 1995: Nine Departments qualified for the 95 percent awards, and one Department qualified for the 100 percent bonus. The 95 percent qualifiers were Delaware, Iowa, Mexico, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin. The bonus 100 percent Department was Mexico.

May Day—May 2, 1995: By achieving 100 percent of the Department's 1995 membership goal, winning Department Commanders and Membership Chairmen have a choice of several gifts available, based on the number of targets and bonuses made during the year. Mexico was the only Department to qualify for the 100 percent awards.

Department Commander Of The Year: Any Department Commander who has met or exceeded his or her 100 percent goal for 1995 by May 2, 1995, will receive a plaque recognizing the achievement. The Department of Mexico will receive the award at the National Convention.

Gold Brigade Recruiter Award: A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more new members by District Competition target date, May 2, 1995, will qualify for enrollment in the elite Gold Brigade of The American Legion.

Gold Brigade Drawing: All certified members of the Gold Brigade will automatically be entered in a drawing with the five winners to be announced at the 1995 National Convention in Indianapolis. The five winners of the drawing will each receive a \$1,000 Award Certificate.

Flag Day—June 20, 1995: By meeting 110 percent of the Department's 1995 membership goal, the Department Commander and Membership Chairman will receive a

\$1,500 gift certificate. Each Department that qualifies for this award will also receive the 110 percent National Commander's Plaque, to be presented at the National Convention in Indianapolis.

Delegate Strength—Aug. 7, 1995: Delegate Strength is determined by the membership in the hands of the National Treasurer 30 days prior to the National Convention. Total number of delegates for each Department is based on five delegates at large, one delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof, and the members of the National Executive Committee.

Post Honor Ribbons: Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 1,713 Posts whose 1995 membership as of Dec. 31, 1994 exceeded the final 1994 membership.

Certificate Of Meritorious Service: These certificates were awarded to 405 Posts for attaining a new All-Time-High membership for 1995 by Dec. 31, 1994.

Five Consecutive Years All-Time-High: These citations are awarded to Posts with five or more consecutive years of all-time-high membership.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS' RACE TO THE TOP

DISTRICT Commanders are the linchpin of The American Legion's Chain of Command, serving as the vital link between the National and Department organizations and all Posts. As we are all aware, the local Post is where the "rubber meets the road." If it doesn't happen at the Post level, it doesn't happen at all. District Commanders are the people charged with ensuring that all Posts in their District maintain their vitality.

Consequently, this unique award was created to provide a meaningful incentive for the District Commanders and reward their successful membership efforts. The winning District Commander and guest receive:

- Reserved tickets to the Indianapolis 500.
- First class hotel accommodations for four nights at the Indianapolis Ramada Plaza Hotel.
- Reserved seating for the Indianapolis 500 parade.
- Dinner reservations Friday and Saturday evening at two of Indianapolis' finest restaurants.
- Tour of the National Headquarters of The American Legion.

Previous winners have reported how much they enjoyed their opportunity to participate in this world-renowned racing event and that they have fond memories that will last a lifetime.

The following provides more specific information on how you can win. The competition will be divided into five categories based on the membership of the District without regard to geographic locations. Dis-

trict Commanders will compete in each of the following categories based on the final 1994 totals, and a top District Commander for the National award will be selected from each of the five categories. Second and Third place awards will also be presented in each category.

Category I

Districts of 15 to 1,499 members

Category II

Districts of 1,500 to 2,999 members

Category III

Districts of 3,000 to 4,999 members

Category IV

Districts of 5,000 to 7,499 members

Category V

Districts of 7,500 members and above

The 500 Trip will be presented to the Top District Commander and guest in each category whose District membership for 1995 on March 31, 1995, represents the greatest percentage over the final 1994 membership of the District. Membership cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify.

Second place awards will be presented to the District Commander in each category whose District membership for 1995 on March 31, 1995 represents the second highest percentage over the final 1994 membership of that District. Membership cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify. Winners will receive their choice of several gifts through the Certif-A-Gift catalog; these gifts are valued at \$500.

Third place awards will be presented to the District Commander in each category whose District membership for 1995 on March 31, 1995, represents the third highest percentage over the final 1994 membership of that District. Membership cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify. Winners will receive their choice of several gifts through the Certif-A-Gift catalog; these gifts are valued at \$375.

1995 First Place Winners

Trip To The Indianapolis 500 Race

Category I	Thomas Meteraud Sr. South Carolina 149.70% Dist. 2
Category II	H. Hudson Highfield Georgia 130.12% Dist. 3
Category III	Thomas Burns Delaware 103.47% Dist. 4
Category IV	Henry Johnson Nebraska 100.42% Dist. 8
Category V	Kip Derge Wisconsin 100.66% Dist. 2

Second Place Winners

Category I	Ernest Barclay Idaho 113.40% Dist. 3
Category II	Robert Woodruff Oklahoma 104.52% Dist. 10
Category III	No Winner
Category IV	Kenneth Knight Virginia 100.42% Dist. 17
Category V	Virgil Arling Ohio 100.07% Dist. 2

Third Place Winners

Category I	Leslie Clevinger Virginia 105.82% Dist. 8
Category II	Harry Little New Jersey 103.24% Dist. 8
Category III	No Winner
Category IV	No Winner
Category V	No Winner

DISTRICT COMMANDER NEW POST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT Commanders who achieve the goal of creating new American Legion Posts in their respective Districts and have the new Post's Temporary Charter application on file in National Headquarters by the 7th Target Date, May 2, 1995, qualify for a special recognition plaque.

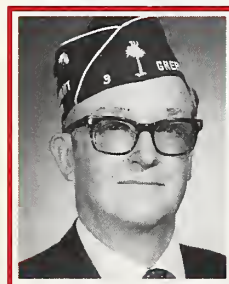
DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR: Each American Legion Post had the opportunity to submit the name of the "Top Recruiter" for that Post who has signed up the highest number of new members for the 1995 membership year by May 2, 1995. Department Adjutants determined the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Departments and certified their "Department Recruiter" to National Headquarters by May 16, 1995.

The "Department Recruiter" properly certified from each Department will be awarded a plaque with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.

NATIONAL RECRUITER OF THE YEAR: The individual certified with the highest number of new members recruited from among all the Departments will be declared National Recruiter of the Year. The winner of this award will receive an expense-paid trip to the 1995 National Convention in Indianapolis. ■

The American Legion Magazine

COMMISSION



✠ Milford Forrester
(South Carolina)
Chairman

editorial and advertising realms.

In the latter area, end-year advertising revenues stood at \$9,044,771—fully \$1 million over projections. Major advertisers who made

their debut since last year's report include Bose, Del Webb, Marion Merrell Dow and Merck. These advertising triumphs enabled the magazine to end 1994 with an unprecedented surplus of \$1.2 million. Our partnership with Buick Motor Division also paid spectacular dividends, generating more than \$1 million for American Legion Baseball.

The advertising inroads made by THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE are a testament to the continuing high quality of its editorial content, which in 1994 covered an unprecedented array of issues of concern to our membership and Americans generally.

Among major highlights, the magazine:

- Established itself as the premier source of breaking, in-depth information on Gulf War Syndrome, the lingering aftereffects of Agent Orange, the problems of "atomic veterans," and other veterans' health issues often given insufficient weight by the mainstream press.

- Gave in-depth coverage to VA's mishandling of its claims backlog and pursued the story of files destroyed by VA attorneys.

- Provided regular reporting on the continuing military drawdown and its larger ramifications, with emphasis on issues of importance to advocates of a strong national defense.

- Remained steadfast in its commitment to resolving the status of thousands of American POWs/MIAs, running a number of articles that shed new light on the controversy.

Also throughout the year, the magazine gave its readers lively, fly-on-the-wall coverage of the opening salvos in two of the most historic battles ever waged by The American Legion: the determined, ultimately successful campaign to foil the Smithsonian's biased Enola Gay exhibit, and the Citizens Flag Alliance's pursuit of a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration. The progress of the flag amendment through Congress, and the fallout from the Enola Gay victory, continued to be of interest to readers in the early months of 1995, and that interest has been reflected in the magazine's ongoing reporting on those efforts.

Consistent with its theme of God and Country, the magazine in 1994 presented numerous general-interest stories with a strong sense of core values. These stories focused on the deteriorating family structure, violence and political bias in the media, the power of prayer, the importance of upholding community standards, the dangers of so-called "multiculturalism" and equally weighty, thought-provoking topics.

Several times last year the magazine was recognized for the superior quality of its content. "Seventy-Five Years For God And Country," a retrospective of Legion activities decade by decade which appeared in September's 75th-anniversary issue, earned the Certificate of Merit for art and editorial from the Community Action Network; the award is given for distinguished service in solving community problems. The magazine also received the High Frontier Merit Award for

its coverage of space and the Strategic Defense Initiative, and the Mature Media Award for "The Final Salute: Where Heroes Rest." In addition, "Space Exploration: Is it Worth the Cost?" will be incorporated as a teaching tool in U.S. Air Force textbooks.

In 1994 the magazine lost two key, long-time staffers, editor John Greenwald and production manager Bill Poff. Though both will be missed, their replacements, respectively Steve Salerno and Joseph Campioni, have done a superior job, enabling the magazine to make the transition smoothly and without incident.

In 1995, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE continues to adapt to today's changing environment. With its October issue, the magazine unveils its first new column in four years. Titled "On Duty," the column is designed to provide "news you can use" to enlisted men and women currently on active duty or in the reserves. Because many of these individuals are eligible for Legion membership by virtue of their participation in Desert Storm or other recent missions, the column can be an excellent recruitment tool by demonstrating how the Legion may be of service to active-duty personnel.

Like publications throughout the nation, the magazine is feeling the pinch of price increases in paper and postage. Those increases threaten to knock the magazine back into a deficit in 1995. However, Salerno and his staff are working hard to contain price increases and to implement economies where possible. ■

National Security

COMMISSION



✠ Anthony G. Jordan
(Maine)
Chairman

G. Michael Schlee
(Maryland)
Director

ON SEPT. 2, 1994, 65 members and guests of the National Security Commission flew via Minnesota Air National Guard C-130 aircraft from Minneapolis to Camp Ripley, Minn. Located about 120 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Camp Ripley trains about 15,000 Guardsmen and Reservists annually to include training in cold weather operations.

Commission members received an overview readiness briefing, toured the camp's modernized ranges and had the opportunity to ride in Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles and the High-Mobility

Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles or HMMWVs. Overall, the trip provided valuable insights to the training levels of the Army National Guard.

Sept. 3, 1995, the National Security and Foreign Relations Commission convened in joint session in the Minneapolis Convention Center. The first speaker was Robin Beard, NATO Assistant Secretary General, who spoke on "NATO: A Half Century of Success and Looking to the Future." He was followed by Vice Admiral David Frost, the Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff of the United States Space Command, who spoke on the progress of the military services in achieving Theater Missile Defense systems.

The purpose of these systems is to protect American forces whenever they are deployed to theaters where missile threats, such as SCUD missiles, exist. Gen. John Foss, U.S. Army (Ret.), then spoke on "The United States Army: Getting Your Money's Worth." General Foss emphasized that, as our predominate ground force, the United States Army has become extremely cost-effective, but at the price of diminished capabilities and readiness.

That afternoon, the National Security Commission and its Standing Committees conducted a comprehensive review of the resolutions assigned to the Convention Committee on Security. The thrust of the majority of resolutions addressed veterans, concerns with maintaining an adequate defense and combating violent crime in America.

New resolutions included the expanded roles of women in the Armed Forces and the honorable nature of military service, which will become one of the cornerstones of our corporate strategic goal of providing for a viable national defense.

Such presentations and other actions are part of the National Security Commission's comprehensive program to support a strong national defense. During the coming year, we plan to participate in a series of National Security Forums to address issues related to the Administration's National Military Strategy.

We will participate in these forums in conjunction with the Association of the United States Army and the National Guard Association of the United States at different sites throughout the country. These National Security Forums will be conducted in light of the continued deep downsizing of the Armed Forces and its impact on our national security well-being, and to further implement our mandates, which historically have supported a strong national defense.

Sept. 5, 1994, the members of the National Security Commission attended the POW/MIA Update briefing and listened to excellent speakers address this compelling issue.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES

THE American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members continue to supply the blood needs of their own members and hospitalized veterans, and under cooperative agreements, to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, this program has continued to grow.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AWARDS

TO STIMULATE activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. During the period from June 1, 1993, through May 31, 1994, many Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor Program.

The criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and individual participation were based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring Meeting, May 8-9, 1985, of the National Executive Committee. The resolution directs that Departments be placed in one of six groups based on the size of the Department, using standards established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee. The winning Departments were Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Tennessee, Rhode Island and Delaware.

Each winning Department received a Certificate of Recognition signed by Past National Commander Bruce Thiesen and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

Departments are doing an excellent job of encouraging Posts to participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medals Program. During the period from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, more than 10,000 medals were awarded to deserving Senior and Junior ROTC cadets. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in overseas Departments.

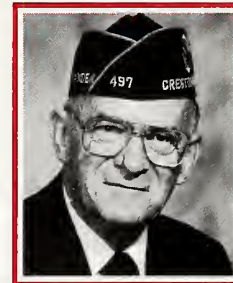
PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

THE National Executive Committee at its October 1975 meeting approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy for the ROTC Program. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense and throughout his lifetime maintained an active interest in our nation's defense.

The criterion for judging the winner of the trophy is based on the Department or Departments giving the greatest degree of

support to ROTC units, including the number of medals presented and Legion participation in award day ceremonies. Last year's winners of the Paul H. Griffith Trophy were the Departments of Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee and Vermont. ■

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation COMMISSION



Chester F. Stellar
(Ohio)
Chairman

Carroll Williams
(Maryland)
Director

DURING the past year, The American Legion—through its Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission (VA&R)—has presented its mandates and views on veterans benefits matters to the Clinton administration, Congress and officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal agencies.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission is the keystone program of The American Legion and one of the primary reasons why veterans founded the Legion. The program has three principle elements. First is the service provided by the national staff to Department and Post Service Officers in developing and presenting claims and dealing with other issues related to veterans' benefits programs.

The second element is the continuing effort to protect and improve veterans' benefits through legislative channels by working with congressional committees and by maintaining negotiations and liaison with the White House and VA. The VA&R staff appeared before Congress 24 times this past year to support and protect veterans' benefits programs.

The third element of the VA&R program is the oversight of VA, second in federal work force size to the Department of Defense.

The VA&R Commission staff maintains assertive oversight of VA health care and benefits programs to assure VA has the necessary resources and personnel to "care for those who have borne the battle" on a timely basis.

A major objective of The American Legion continues to be VA health-care eligibility reform. Toward this goal, the Legion has set in motion an effort to draft an eligibility reform bill and have the proposal introduced in the 104th Congress. Because

the effort to pass a national health-care reform bill has stalled, The American Legion believes it is imperative that Congress move ahead and address VA health-care reform.

There continues to be interest in Congress for VA health-care reform. A mechanism to fund VA eligibility reform is the primary factor involved in meeting the Legion's objective. The current restrictive budget climate makes finding funds to pay for desired VA eligibility reforms difficult. One of the largest selling points of VA eligibility reforms is that if more cost-effective care can be provided, there would be less reliance on federal spending, and a reformed VA would better serve the veteran population.

Another important issue that must be resolved in the 104th Congress is state health-care reform initiatives and their impact on veterans health care. As state legislatures contemplate how veterans will fit into their reform measures, there are two very real threats—either veterans are entirely left out, or VA loses some of its independence and specialization. All of these changes leave VA vulnerable to patient-base loss as non-VA health-care providers become more affordable and accessible.

The American Legion continues to work with the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Reform on the objectives of improving and enhancing health care for veterans. Those goals are to reform eligibility, guarantee funding, streamline VA bureaucracy and protect VA's specialized services and unique missions. The American Legion will pursue these objectives through a legislative strategy that best accomplishes the end goal.

The VA&R Commission is closely monitoring VA's progress in improving its benefit delivery programs and the status of initiatives intended to improve the quality and timeliness of claims processing.

There are a number of factors which directly affect the workload at the 58 VA regional offices. They include staffing, the continued downsizing of the Armed Forces and the success of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP), new benefit legislation, the continued high remand rate by the Board of Veterans Appeals, precedent decisions of the Court of Veterans Appeals, and progress in the implementation of a variety of organizational, programmatic and technological changes.

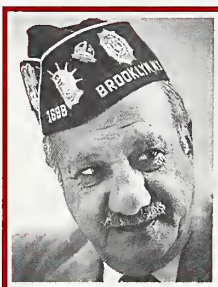
As a result of the TAP and DTAP programs, veterans being discharged from service are more informed about their entitlement to benefits, which is resulting in greater numbers of claims being filed. Concern among Persian Gulf veterans as well as veterans exposed to radiation, Agent Orange and mustard gas, is also expected to increase the number of new and reopened claims. Not only are more claims being filed, but

they are increasingly more medically and legally complex and involve multiple issues. As a result, they are more time-consuming to develop and adjudicate.

The American Legion is pleased that VA has made some progress in the last year toward reducing the backlog of pending claims and overall processing times. Even so, it is still taking far too long for VA to properly develop and adjudicate benefit claims, most notably those involving the issue of service connection. Continued progress toward improving its overall operations is essential. The American Legion supports the concept that any improvements in the claims process not come at the expense of quality.

These and other equally important veterans benefit issues will be closely followed by the VA&R Commission during the remainder of the 104th Congress. ■

National Legislative COMMISSION



Charles Pessio
(New York)
Chairman

Steve Robertson
(Louisiana)
Director

THE purpose of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before Congress. These mandates are dictated by resolutions adopted at either the National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The American Legion's legislative portfolio covers a large spectrum of issues. Promoting the Legion's mandates requires testimony at congressional hearings, thousands of letters and countless hours of telephone calls and meetings involving the Commission's staff. The National Legislative Council, the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion effectively augment the Legion's lobbying efforts.

The November 1994 elections, propelled by the Republican's "Contract With America," resulted in a major change throughout the nation's capitol. For the first time in 40 years, the Republican Party gained control of the leadership in Congress. Eighty-five freshmen Representatives (72 Republicans) and 11 freshmen Senators (all Republicans) were elected. Thus far, two Senators and one Representative switched from Democrat to Republican. The House party ratio is now 231 Republicans, 203 Democrats, with one

Independent; the Republican-to-Democrat ratio in the Senate is 54-46. Clearly, both parties have had to readjust to their new roles and responsibilities.

The "first 100 days" of the 104th Congress was dominated by the 10 provisions of the contract. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich managed to have floor votes on all 10 provisions within 92 days. During that time, two provisions became public law, one was defeated, and the rest passed the House and were pending in the Senate. Among the immediate internal changes made by the House were renaming of several committees, consolidating of several committees and subcommittees, reduction of committee staff members and eliminating legislative service organizations.

The Senate, although maintaining a busy agenda, has not generated as many dramatic, internal organizational changes. The Senate has taken a more methodical approach on dealing with the House-passed provisions of the contract. The Senate is clearly the more deliberative chamber and its rules are designed to prolong discussion of measures. Any Senator can hold up a bill or "filibuster" (talk nonstop) to grind legislative business to a standstill. The Senate's Democratic minority has the chamber's rules to control the fate of most legislation.

The change in congressional leadership also resulted in changes of chairmanship of all committees and subcommittees. The new chairmen of the Veterans' Affairs committees are Representative Bob Stump and Senator Alan Simpson. The new chairmen of the Appropriations committees are Representative Bob Livingston and Senator Mark Hatfield. The new chairmen of the Judiciary committees are Representative Henry Hyde and Senator Orrin Hatch. The new chairmen of the Budget committees are Representative John Kasich and Senator Pete Domenici. The new chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee is Senator Strom Thurmond and the House National Security Committee Chairman is Representative Floyd Spence. The new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is Jesse Helms and the House International Relations Chairman is Benjamin Gilman.

A major legislative concern for The American Legion, as well as the rest of America, is the federal budget. With renewed focus placed on deficit reduction, welfare reform, middle income tax break and entitlement reform, nearly every program in the federal budget will be closely scrutinized. Congressional leadership has pledged to balance the budget by FY 2002 by generating more than \$1 trillion in savings over seven years. Budgetary experts agree that achieving a balanced budget will require deep cuts or termination of many programs, downsizing of government agencies and serious revision of entitlement programs. The Budget committees have recommended that the Department of Veterans Affairs gen-

erate over \$10 billion in savings over the next seven years. Although the Budget committees have made their recommendations, the ultimate decisions will rest on the shoulders of the Veterans Affairs committees and the Appropriations committees.

The future funding of VA remains somewhat uncertain. The American Legion will continue to press Congress for reform of the current health-care delivery system to expand eligibility, enhance revenue sources, maintain specialized services, increase research funding and keep VA as a backup medical system for the Department of Defense. The American Legion has testified before the Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies and both Veterans Affairs committees concerning funding for VA for FY 1996 based on President Clinton's budget proposal released in February. The American Legion will continue to actively participate in the legislative process to pursue full funding for veterans' programs and benefits.

BUDGETARY fights for veterans' benefits and programs are not limited to VA. In recent years, the budget for the Veterans Employment and Training Service in the Department of Labor has failed to meet the proper funding levels in accordance with federal law over the past several years. In testimony, The American Legion recommended funds for FY 1996 totaling \$98.3 million for the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) and \$86.3 million for the Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) program. The American Legion opposes any legislation that would terminate DVOPs and LVERs.

The American Legion's work with the Smithsonian Institution's proposed exhibit for the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb reached a climax on Jan. 30 when Smithsonian officials announced that the majority of the proposed exhibit would be dropped. The revised exhibit included three elements: the restored fuselage of the Enola Gay, a plaque detailing the plane's mission and videotaped interviews with surviving members of the crew. The American Legion is still very concerned about the future of the airplane. Funding for an Air and Space Museum annex in suburban Virginia to display the plane was eliminated from the Smithsonian's FY 1996 budget.

Early in March, the House passed a rescissions bill which, in seeking to achieve \$17.4 billion in spending cuts, also included a provision to remove \$206 million in FY 1995 budget for VA, specifically from funds earmarked for six ambulatory care projects and from the medical equipment account. However, an amendment was adopted to restore the funding. In the Senate many of the funding cuts were restored and \$100 million in savings from three different VA accounts were approved.

The American Legion testified before Congress on research efforts with regard to

Persian Gulf illnesses. The Legion expressed concerns about the lack of progress in determining definitive causes for the illnesses and the timeliness in treating veterans. The American Legion believes there is compelling evidence, constantly downplayed by DoD, that chemical weapons and possibly biological warfare agent exposures could be the causes of some of the Gulf illnesses.

Maintaining a strong national defense still remains a major objective of The American Legion and that message has been repeatedly delivered to lawmakers in testimony, phone calls and letters.

Since 1989, The American Legion has aggressively worked toward the passage of a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from physical desecration. Leading the charge of the "quiet revolution" in the state legislatures, 49 memorial resolutions have been passed calling on Congress to send a constitutional amendment to the states for ratification. Since last year's convention, North Carolina, Iowa, Kentucky, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii have been added to the list of states to pass memorializing resolutions. Only Vermont has yet to pass such a resolution. On March 21, two measures were introduced in the 104th Congress to accomplish that objective, House Joint Resolution 79 and Senate Joint Resolution 31.

In June, the House passed HJR 79 and the senate was considering their version as this annual report was being printed. ■

Public Relations COMMISSION



Thomas C. Kouyeas
(District of Columbia)
Chairman

Lew Wood
(Indiana)
Director

THE National Public Relations Commission achieved noteworthy coverage of The American Legion on several key issues during the past year. Among the issues: the controversy over the display of the Enola Gay at the National Air and Space Museum; Desert Storm health problems; the 50th Anniversary of significant battles and events of World War II; and the campaign for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

The Public Relations Commission, charged with properly positioning the Legion before the media and the public, worked with more than 1,000 members of the media during the year. The American Legion Media Relations Office in Washington D.C., and the Public Relations Office in

Indianapolis work together to achieve maximum exposure by providing news media representatives timely and accurate information on a variety of subjects.

The culmination of the year-long celebration of 75 years of service to the nation afforded opportunities for local American Legion Posts to tell their communities what they had accomplished. Aided by a variety of materials provided by the Public Relations Commission, Posts were able to gain noteworthy coverage of this milestone in community service.

A new, monthly op-ed column from the National Commander was offered to weekly newspapers with circulations of more than 10,000. More than 220 papers expressed an interest in such columns. Our clipping service indicates a high percentage of these columns dealing with issues of interest to the Legion and the general public were published.

Spring-boarding on the success of the World War II Media Data Bank, the commission established a Korean War Media Data Bank, which provided local news media with names of veterans in their areas, and newsworthy stories about the July dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Audiovisual efforts continued to reflect the growing reliance on audio and video production to assist in communicating important information to the membership. Productions were prepared for the Americanism and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commissions, as well as The American Legion Endowment Fund and the Citizens Flag Alliance. Eight video productions honoring World War II veterans were also produced for viewing during the National Convention.

In conjunction with the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, the Public Relations Division produced a series of radio public service announcements that offered veterans the help of Legion Department Service Officers.

The deadline for the Department Media Awards Program, administered by the Public Relations Commission, was altered this year in an attempt to increase entries. The program was changed from a calendar-year schedule to an American Legion program-year schedule. First entries under the revised deadline plan are arriving at National Headquarters and will be judged in the coming weeks.

The National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to Jack Smith, ABC Television news correspondent for reporting on his emotional return to Vietnam and his visit to the battlefield of Ia Drang where he had been wounded.

The 1995 Fourth Estate Award will be presented during this National Convention to Hearst Newspapers' Washington Bureau for its in-depth reporting on the national debt. ■

Independent Auditor's Report



GEO. S. OLIVE & CO. LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

Mr. William M. Detweiler, National Commander
The American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1994 and 1993, and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1994. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Legion's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1994 and 1993, and the results of its operations, changes in its fund balances and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1994, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The reconciliation of audited financial statements to internal financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Geo. S. Olive & Co. LLC
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 24, 1995

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1994

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS

DECEMBER 31

Current Fund

	1994	1993
Cash	\$ 67,901	\$ 399,584
Restricted cash	26,827	26,082
Agent Orange program	12,525	49,805
Accounts receivable		
Emblem Division	113,182	123,575
Publications Division	1,459,188	1,790,430
Other	2,178,926	1,776,730
Accrued interest on investments	123,593	139,405
Inventories		
Emblem Division	1,411,246	1,293,121
Publications Division	240,425	272,305
Prepaid expenses and supplies	148,879	449,211
Prepaid pension expense	6,247,793	5,561,158
Deferred membership expense	22,356	136,812
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense	3,112,304	3,549,685
Postal deposits	55,000	55,000
	<u>15,220,145</u>	<u>15,622,883</u>

Investments

Segregated for Designated Funds	12,265,338	11,670,800
Segregated for Washington, D. C., building	682,427	557,506
Other	17,561,966	14,916,629
Investment in subsidiary	100,887	21,050
Investment in affiliate	1,018,714	
	<u>31,629,332</u>	<u>27,165,985</u>

Property and equipment

Land—Indianapolis parking lot	238,359	238,359
Washington, D. C., real estate		
Land	80,000	80,000
Building	4,116,940	4,116,940
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in		
National Headquarters building, Indianapolis, Ind.	8,149,913	7,818,655
Washington, D. C., building	1,366,064	1,352,825
	<u>13,951,276</u>	<u>13,606,779</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,464,405)	(5,185,763)
	<u>7,486,871</u>	<u>8,421,016</u>
	<u>54,336,348</u>	<u>51,209,884</u>

Nonexpendable Funds

Overseas Graves Decoration Fund		
Cash	49,557	41,975
Accrued interest on investments	14,262	14,398
Investments	893,316	893,316
	<u>957,135</u>	<u>949,689</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund		
Cash	5,000	5,000
Accrued interest on investments	101,656	129,030
Investments	21,019,232	17,881,773
	<u>21,125,888</u>	<u>18,015,803</u>
	<u>\$76,419,371</u>	<u>\$70,175,376</u>

See notes to financial statements.

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

Current Fund

	1994	1993
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,720,381	\$ 2,815,693
Cash overdraft	562,119	-----
Agent Orange program	12,525	49,805
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	139,183	135,204
Deferred advertising income	75,908	113,315
Deferred dues income	20,812,306	14,058,207
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	673,907	877,040
Accrued vacation benefits	508,809	540,608
Provision for health insurance liability	45,000	44,986
Other liabilities	301,130	661,624
Due to the Restricted Fund	-----	1,075,000
Due to other restricted funds	135,064	135,088
Total liabilities	<u>26,986,332</u>	<u>20,506,570</u>

Fund balances

Restricted funds		
Oratorical Contest Fund	240,485	234,566
Other restricted funds	6,156,277	5,597,390
Designated funds		
The Restricted Fund	10,047,621	9,452,725
The Reserve Fund	2,217,718	2,218,075
	<u>18,662,101</u>	<u>17,502,756</u>
Appropriated funds	1,615,725	1,567,188
Unappropriated	7,072,190	11,633,370
Total fund balances	<u>27,350,016</u>	<u>30,703,314</u>
	<u>54,336,348</u>	<u>51,209,884</u>

Nonexpendable Funds

Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	957,135	949,689
Fund balance		
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund	326,809	-----
Due to current fund	20,799,079	18,015,803
Fund balance	21,125,888	18,015,803
	<u>\$76,419,371</u>	<u>\$70,175,376</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES: Current Fund, Year Ended December 31, 1994

EXHIBIT B, SHEET 1

	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	1994 Total Current Fund	1993 Total Current Fund
REVENUE					
National dues	\$17,302,920			\$17,302,920	\$16,644,736
Sales of Emblem items	6,680,617			6,680,617	6,243,759
Advertising revenue	8,967,975			8,967,975	7,431,341
Investment income	773,906		\$ 786,831	1,560,737	1,845,957
Direct membership solicitation	1,767,974			1,767,974	1,617,808
Revenue enhancement	790,057			790,057	709,758
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income	537,035			537,035	544,071
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Plan	985,904		137,000	1,122,904	1,112,055
Other restricted income	375,016		305,549	680,565	978,112
Other income	5,795,682	\$ 48,537	1,390,437	7,234,656	8,054,290
	43,977,086	48,537	2,619,817	46,645,440	45,181,887
EXPENSES					
Salaries	8,313,609			8,313,609	8,307,102
Employee benefits	1,486,830			1,486,830	939,106
Cost of sales	5,404,621			5,404,621	4,690,437
Direct publication expenses	12,671,711			12,671,711	12,326,028
Executive and staff travel	766,309			766,309	877,145
Commission and committee	1,216,130			1,216,130	1,114,565
Operational	5,921,132			5,921,132	5,849,385
Office and postage expenses	4,333,678			4,333,678	3,964,910
Occupancy	2,378,477			2,378,477	2,246,687
Special projects and programs	3,125,606		4,460,472	7,586,078	6,516,640
	45,618,103		4,460,472	50,078,575	46,832,005
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue Over Expenses	(1,641,017)	48,537	(1,840,655)	(3,433,135)	(1,650,118)
Equity in Income (Loss) of Wholly Owned Subsidiary	79,837			79,837	20,595
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	(1,561,180)	48,537	(1,840,655)	(3,353,298)	(1,629,523)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	11,633,370	1,567,188	17,502,756	30,703,314	28,046,853
Transfer of funds from The American Legion Life Insurance Plan					4,285,984
Transfer of funds	(3,000,000)		3,000,000		
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$7,072,190	\$1,615,725	\$18,662,101	\$27,350,016	\$30,703,314

See notes to financial statements.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES: Designated and Restricted Funds, Year Ended December 31, 1994

EXHIBIT B, SHEET 2

1994

Year Ended December 31	Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Designated & Restricted Funds
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund	Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	
(continued)					
REVENUE					
Investment income	\$594,896			\$191,935	\$786,831
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Plan			\$137,000		137,000
Restricted contributions				305,549	305,549
Other income				1,390,437	1,390,437
	594,896		137,000	1,887,921	2,619,817
EXPENSE					
Sundry expense		\$357			357
Special projects and programs			131,081	4,329,034	4,460,115
		357	131,081	4,329,034	4,460,472
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	594,896	(357)	5,919	(2,441,113)	(1,840,655)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	9,452,725	2,218,075	234,566	5,597,390	17,502,756
Transfer of funds				3,000,000	3,000,000
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$10,047,621	\$2,217,718	\$240,485	\$6,156,277	\$18,662,101

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Increase (Decrease) in Cash, Year Ended December 31, 1994

EXHIBIT C

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses
Depreciation charged to operations not requiring cash
Equity in income of subsidiary
(Gain) loss on sale of investments
Loss from sale of fixed assets
Certain working capital transactions
Restricted cash
Accounts receivable
Accrued interest on investments
Inventories
Prepaid expenses and supplies
Deferred expenses
Accounts payable
Due to current fund
Restricted grant
Deposits on emblem merchandise sales
Deferred advertising
Funds in transit to American Legion Life Insurance Plan
Deferred income
Accrued vacation
Other liabilities
Total provided (used) by operations

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Additions to property and equipment
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets
Transfer of funds from The American Legion Life Insurance Plan
Purchases of investments
Sales of investments
Total provided (used) by investing activities

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Payments on restricted fund note
Cash overdrafts
Total used by financing activities

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR

CASH, END OF YEAR

	Current Fund	Overseas Graves Decoration Trust	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fees	1994 Total	1993 Total
\$ (3,353,298)		\$ 7,446	\$ 2,783,276	\$ (662,576)	\$ (108,871)
1,318,354				1,318,354	1,299,163
(79,837)				(79,837)	(20,594)
39,047			(384,129)	(345,082)	377,820
1,447				1,447	24,835
(745)				(745)	350,949
(60,561)				(60,561)	(1,053,157)
15,812		136		43,322	54,202
(86,245)			27,374	(86,245)	(203,347)
(386,303)				(386,303)	(1,032,303)
551,817				551,817	(650,634)
904,688				904,688	106,395
			326,809	326,809	(348,942)
3,979				3,979	(62,162)
(37,407)				(37,407)	64,969
6,550,966				6,550,966	(2,523)
(31,799)				(31,799)	978,043
(360,504)				(360,504)	950
4,989,411		7,582	2,753,330	7,750,323	70,392
					(154,815)
(385,816)				(385,816)	(254,159)
160				160	1,329
(19,676,500)			(27,433,542)	(47,110,042)	4,285,984
15,253,943			24,680,212	39,934,155	(27,964,980)
(4,808,213)			(2,753,330)	(7,561,543)	25,500,128
					1,568,302
(1,075,000)				(1,075,000)	(900,000)
562,119				562,119	(129,209)
(512,881)				(512,881)	(1,029,209)
(331,683)		7,582		(324,101)	384,278
399,584		41,975	5,000	446,559	62,281
\$ 67,901		\$ 49,557	\$ 5,000	\$ 122,458	\$ 446,559

See notes to financial statements.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT
ACCOUNTING POLICIES**General**

The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans' organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on Sept. 16, 1919.

According to the Original Act and Subsequent Amendments, the purpose of the Organization is: "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to promote peace and goodwill among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy, to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and to consolidate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country."

Basis of Presentation

The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1993 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund and Statement of Cash Flows are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1994 amounts.

Accounts Receivable

The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories

Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Investment in Subsidiary

The Legion accounts for the investment in common stock of its wholly owned subsidiary, Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc., on the equity method.

Property and Equipment

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the month of acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D. C., building is computed on the straight-line method using a 30-year life.

Depreciation expense amounted to \$1,318,354 in 1994 and \$1,299,163 in 1993.

Income

Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period, which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period in which the income is recognized.

The Legion is involved in various revenue enhancement programs. The revenue and expenses related to the programs are recognized in the periods to which they apply.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation is recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan

The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations.

Federal Income Tax

The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Legion is not considered to be a private foundation.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

On Sept. 28, 1990, the Legion purchased all of the outstanding shares of Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc., a corporation engaged

in the creation and management of direct response advertising and marketing strategies. The Legion has chosen to account for this investment on the equity method since consolidation would not necessarily result in meaningful information and since the reporting

differences are immaterial. Details of the Legion's investment in subsidiary are as follows:

	1994	1993
Investment in subsidiary		
Original investment.....	\$101,000	\$101,000
Loss (9/28/90-12/31/93).....	(79,950)	(79,950)
Income (1/1/94-12/31/94).....	79,837	
	<u>\$100,887</u>	<u>\$ 21,050</u>

Key significant balance sheet and income statement information of Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc. is as follows:

	1994	1993
Balance sheet information		
Accounts receivable—The American Legion.....	\$296,907	\$252,091
Furniture and fixtures—net.....	263,574	169,510
Other assets.....	280,318	249,331
Total assets.....	<u>\$840,799</u>	<u>\$670,932</u>
Notes payable—The American Legion.....	\$339,167	\$367,254
Other liabilities.....	699,118	585,999
Stockholder's (deficit).....	<u>(197,486)</u>	<u>(282,321)</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's deficit.....	<u>\$840,799</u>	<u>\$670,932</u>

Income statement information

Sales (including sales to The American Legion of \$3,369,004 and \$4,147,764).....	\$5,805,728	\$4,741,125
Income from operations.....	<u>\$211,592</u>	<u>\$135,143</u>
Net income.....	<u>\$79,837</u>	<u>\$20,594</u>

Accounts receivable—other on the Legion's balance sheet includes \$339,167 due on a note receivable, from Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc., bearing interest at 9%, beginning August, 1991, Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc. began to repay the note, with an original balance of \$400,000, in 120 equal monthly installments of \$5,000.

The Legion has a sublease agreement with Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc. for office space. The lease is a 10-year operating lease which expires in November 2000.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under this lease.

Years Ending December 31	
1995.....	\$ 130,000
1996.....	130,000
1997.....	130,000
1998.....	130,000
1999.....	130,000
2000.....	130,000

The Legion is an unconditional guarantor of a \$188,000 relating to loans outstanding that Haynes and Pittenger Direct Inc. carries with a bank.

INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATE

During 1994, the Legion in conjunction with approximately 80 other organizations, created a nonprofit corporation known as The Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA, Inc.) for the purpose of aiding in the campaign to secure a constitutional amendment empowering the Congress and the States to enact legislation to protect the Flag of

the United States of America from physical desecration.

To support these efforts, the Legion invested \$3,000,000 in the program during 1994.

Since the program began in June of 1994, CFA, Inc. has recognized a (deficiency) of revenue over expenses of \$1,981,286 and,

accordingly, the Legion's investments in the affiliate have been reduced by this amount, and a corresponding charge has been reflected in other restricted funds.

The Legion also guarantees a contract of CFA, Inc. with a public relations firm for approximately \$135,000 monthly.

INVESTMENTS (CURRENT FUND)

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	1994		1993	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
December 31				
Segregated for Designated Fund				
U. S. Government obligations	\$11,258,442	\$10,845,439	\$9,707,603	\$10,239,366
Accrued interest—restricted	146,479	146,479	127,900	127,900
Money market accounts	860,417	860,417	760,000	760,000
Uninvested cash			297	297
Due from General Fund			1,075,000	1,075,000
	12,265,338	11,852,335	11,670,800	12,202,563
Segregated for Wash., D.C., building				
U. S. Government obligations	682,427	643,019	557,506	568,002
Other				
U. S. Government obligations	7,060,247	6,749,271	7,657,703	7,502,143
Repurchase agreements			1,500,000	1,531,950
Money market accounts	9,593,560	9,593,559	5,623,838	5,623,838
Certificates of deposit	255,961	255,961		
Mutual funds	517,134	492,073		
Due from General Fund	135,064	135,064	135,088	135,088
	17,561,966	17,225,928	14,916,629	14,793,019
Investment in subsidiary	100,887	100,887 *	21,050	21,050
Investment in affiliate	1,018,714	1,018,714 *		
Total investments	\$31,629,332	\$30,840,883	\$27,165,985	\$27,584,634

*Book value, market value not determined

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OPERATING LEASES

The Legion rents computer equipment, copiers and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was \$602,285 in 1994 and \$489,201 in 1993.

Minimum rental payments under operating leases are as follows:

1995.....	\$517,887
1996.....	141,866

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November 1997. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance approximated \$348,000 in 1994 and \$349,000 in 1993. Insurance coverage is included in the Legion's general insurance policy.

RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10 percent of the prior year's defined net income to the Restricted Fund. There were no transfers in 1994 or 1993 to the Restricted Fund due to net losses.

During 1991, the Restricted Fund loaned \$4,100,000 to the General Fund for the financing of the new membership computer system. Total interest paid to the Restricted Fund amounted to \$58,385 and \$148,437 in 1994 and 1993. Total principal payments made were \$1,075,000 and \$900,000 in 1994 and 1993. The loan was paid in full during 1994.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive

Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

- (a) By action of the Legion at its National Convention, or
- (b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than 60 days apart.

APPROPRIATED FUNDS

The balances of appropriated funds were as follows:

	1994	1993
Computer Reserve.....	\$500,000	\$500,000
Real Estate Reserve.....	841,977	841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium		
Stabilization Reserve	100,000	100,000
Convention Stabilization Fund	73,748	25,211
Totals.....	\$1,615,725	\$1,567,188

NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 1994
Revenue	
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected	\$ 4,407,252
Investment income	1,272,239
	<u>56,711</u>
	5,679,491

Expenses	
Membership dues withdrawn	2,503,057
Decoration of graves	49,265
Administrative expense	326,809
Trust fees	66,349
	<u>49,265</u>
	2,896,215

Excess of revenue over expenses	7,446	2,783,276
Fund balances, January 1, 1994	949,689	18,015,803
Fund balances, December 31, 1994	<u>\$957,135</u>	<u>\$20,799,079</u>

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	1994	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 893,316	\$ 840,553	\$ 893,316	\$ 926,686
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund				
U.S. Government obligations	7,035,633	6,877,192	5,443,576	5,656,871
Money market accounts	2,374,915	2,374,915	3,000,489	3,000,489
Common and preferred stocks	9,931,146	10,540,847	6,992,684	8,230,650
Nongovernment obligations	1,677,538	1,567,710	2,445,024	2,516,676
	<u>21,019,232</u>	<u>21,360,664</u>	<u>17,881,773</u>	<u>19,404,686</u>
Total investments	<u>\$21,912,548</u>	<u>\$22,201,217</u>	<u>\$18,775,089</u>	<u>\$20,331,372</u>

AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,982,624 at December 31, 1994, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. Income from the Endowment Fund amounted to \$537,035 in 1994 and \$547,071 in 1993.

LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion had created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., as Trustee, held legal title. During October, 1992, the National Executive Committee approved a resolution to terminate the Life Insurance Trust. This dissolution occurred during April 1993. On the date of dissolution, funds remaining in the Plan totalling \$4,285,984 were transferred to a non-trust sub-account (The American Legion Life Insurance Plan) under control of the Legion for the use of youth programs. The American Legion Life Insurance Plan is included with the restricted funds in the accompanying financial statements. The trust funds, prior to the dissolution, were available for the following purposes:

- (a) To increase the Trust fund.
- (b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- (c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- (d) To make refunds to the participants.
- (e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a

majority of the participants.

Subsequent to the dissolution of the Trust, the funds of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan are used primarily for youth programs. The Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the Oratorical Contest, Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1994, \$1,102,170 in funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1995.

PENSION PLAN

The funded status of the pension plan at the end of the year was:

	1994	1993
December 31		
Actuarial present value of plan benefits		
Vested	\$ (13,526,159)	\$ (14,378,971)
Nonvested	(428,427)	(491,826)
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$ (13,954,586)	\$ (14,870,797)
Projected benefit obligation	\$ (15,077,680)	\$ (16,249,877)
Plans assets at fair value, primarily listed stocks, bonds, and U. S. securities	27,864,346	29,838,817
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation	12,786,666	13,588,940
Unrecognized net gain	(5,854,739)	(6,435,076)
Prior service cost not yet recognized in net periodic pension cost	1,285,938	669,229
Unrecognized net asset at end of year	(1,970,072)	(2,261,935)
Prepaid pension expense	\$6,247,793	\$5,561,158

Net pension income included the following components:

	1994	1993
Service cost—benefits earned during the year	\$616,509	\$661,751
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	1,148,908	1,041,944
Actual return on assets	1,133,148	(2,508,638)
Net amortization and deferral	(3,294,462)	212,622
Net pension expense (credit)	\$ (395,897)	\$ (592,321)

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligation were 8.75 percent and 3 percent, respectively, for 1994 and 7 percent and 3 percent, respectively, for 1993. The assumed rate of return on plan assets was 6 percent for 1994 and 1993.

LITIGATION

The Legion is currently involved in and/or has been mentioned as a defendant or co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that these claims are without merit and any ultimate liability of the Legion with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Legion.

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RECONCILIATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO INTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

SCHEDULE 1

	1994
Year Ended December 31	Total Current Fund
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses— Internal Financial Statements	\$ (1,561,180)
Excess of expenses over revenue for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials	(1,840,655)
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain appropriated funds not included in internal financials	<u>48,537</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses— Audited Financial Statements	<u><u>\$ (3,353,298)</u></u>

AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans' rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately \$5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co. LLC, Indianapolis, Ind.).

December 31	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Total assets	\$7,846,801	\$7,867,425	\$7,802,473	\$7,714,042	\$7,495,544
Investments at cost	\$7,644,325	\$7,665,491	\$7,595,545	\$7,590,564	\$7,374,020
Interest income	\$550,155	\$568,759	\$652,342	\$710,453	\$627,284
Expenses	46,472	26,594	32,304	33,103	53,173
Excess income over expense	\$503,683	\$542,165	\$620,038	\$677,350	\$574,111
Funds transferred to The American Legion	\$537,035	\$544,071	\$547,467	\$595,268	\$549,378
Average yield on book value of investments	7.85%	7.37%	7.78%	7.58%	8.43%



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